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Letter from the President



Brian Van Booven
SMC, Fall 2013

Alpha Kappa kicked off the beginning of another great year in Memphis, TN at The Academy. A group of brothers and I traveled from all over the Midwest to attend the three day conference and leadership summit. We were honored to receive a variety of awards, including Athletics Division II Programming Award, Chapter House of the Quarter, 100+ Man Chapter, and Raymond L. Orians Award of Excellence among many others. The most prestigious award given to Alpha Kappa was, once

again, the Robert Adger Smythe Award. This year's Smythe was extra special due to it being Alpha Kappa's 10th consecutive trophy, and 22nd in the chapter's history. It brought me and all of AK great pride to receive such an honor. Obviously, we could not be here without all of the dedication and hard work put in by the many zealous undergraduates and alumni up to this point. We are forever grateful for your contributions.

Once the academic year began, Alpha Kappa was proud to host a class of 32 new members – the largest on campus. The recruitment effort was led by Director of Recruitment, Ben Raulston (AK '11). This dedicated group of young men are eager to make a positive impact on the future of this chapter. New Member Educator Arthur Hartt (AK '10) and assistant Alex Witt (AK '13) have been working hard at making sure the fundamentals of personal and chapter success are being taught to the fall 2013 new member class. An improved and condensed new member program has been implemented with weekly topics, guest speakers, as well as other valuable lessons on success.

As for chapter programming, AK has made a phenomenal effort to launch new endeavors on campus and in the community. Alpha Kappa partnered with a variety of Missouri S&T women to host the first annual Pike Powder Puff Game. It was a great success in raising money for the Rolla Backpack

program, as well as building positive bonds on campus. Through forming new bonds, community service is at 7,500 hours for the chapter. By reaching out to our brothers at Missouri State, we were able to organize a joint service event in Springfield, MO. Through the two chapters' combined manpower, we were able to spread across the city and help many more venues than if we did it alone. We are also proud to have co-hosted a blood drive for the first time with STUCO on the Missouri S&T campus—once again reaching out to the community through new relationships.

The chapter was proud to achieve a first place victory in the campus Homecoming competition. The success was primarily due to the hard work and organization of special events chairman, Bret Baer (AK '11); however, it took countless hours of hard work and creativity from many brothers to clinch a victory. Alpha Kappa ended up winning by a landslide. Along with the competition, the chapter was thrilled to honor the members of the 50th anniversary class of 1963, as well as the class of fall 2003 that came to visit. To see the dedication to Pi Kappa Alpha after ten and fifty years is an invigorating sight for me as well as the brothers who were present.

In November, Alpha Kappa sent a group of 35 men to Kansas City for the biannual leadership summit, Pike University. The members were able to attend various presentations on leadership, chapter programming, and personal success. Two features of this trip brought me great pride in Alpha Kappa. Brother Chris Ramsay was chosen to give the presentation on the values and ritual of Pi Kappa Alpha over any other alumni from the Heartland Region—a great honor. Also, Brother Danny Ryan (AK '06) is now the Director of Pike University. These two instances show Alpha Kappa is truly special.

This chapter is experiencing a transition point. The older members of the chapter are soon graduating and taking their experience with them. We are being followed by much larger classes of young members eager to be involved, but are less experienced. It will be our duty and focus to make sure we transition this knowledge to the young leaders so Alpha Kappa can continue to be great. Continuous involvement from our House Corporation, Educational Foundation, and Alumni Association help ensure fluidity. The tireless, every day involvement of Chris Ramsay helps keep us on track. It is through this dedication that Alpha Kappa can continue to thrive, improve, and build new ideas year after year. It is through the partnership, involvement, and ageless brotherhood of all Alpha Kappa entities that will continue this dynasty.

Forever in the bonds of $\phi\phi\kappa\alpha$,
Brian Van Booven (AK '10)
SMC, Fall 2013

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Ramsay's Corner

Word came down last summer if Alpha Kappa wanted to be considered for the Smythe Award we would have to initiate our new members after the 8-week pledge program. That is, we could no longer wait until the start of the next semester to do initiations. The Supreme Council has wanted this to be the policy of PiKA since the Atlanta Convention in 2000. They have encouraged chapters to adopt this policy by a variety of means and finally put their foot down and said; fellas, this is the policy and its how PiKA is going to operate moving forward. Good for them, it's about time. I am strongly in favor of this new policy.

Of course, there was pushback within the chapter. A number of the members voiced the opinion that we should not let "National" dictate what we should or shouldn't do. That the Smythe was not important. And, we should all take a stand against this new policy that was being "jammed down our throats" in order to preserve our "Brotherhood". I heard the opinion stated that AK puts too much emphasis on earning the Smythe, this it's a significant hindrance to "Brotherhood", and that it's not the thing that defines Alpha Kappa. If Alpha Kappa is not a Smythe Chapter then who are we? I think some of the sources of these childish comments are that the current Active Members have no idea of what it's like to not be a Smythe Chapter. They don't know what it is like to be in a chapter that is just meeting the minimum requirements or is mediocre. Those comments are shortsighted and selfish; they do not consider the obligation they freely took; or, that the Active Chapter must continue a tradition of excellence in order insure that the chapter will be here in the years to come and provide the next generations the same, or better, experience they had.

The fact is Alpha Kappa is a Smythe Chapter and should always work to achieve excellence and to improve the level of achievement going forward. One component will be to develop new programs and new ways of doing things. We seem to repeat things in the name of preserving "tradition" and the belief things have been the same since 1905. I have learned that we only have to do something for two years and it becomes an "age old tradition". I suppose that is the nature of an organization steeped in ritual. We work hard to learn and then execute the ways in which "practice" and "tradition" migrates towards a status equal to ritual. What we must always remember are the values upon which the ritual is based and those values it is meant to teach.

How long does it take a pledge to learn what is it to be a Pike? How long does it take any of us to learn the lessons found in our ritual? Is eight weeks enough? Sixteen? How about 25 years? I have been a member of this fraternity for nearly 25 years. As we all do, I continue to listen to the ritual and learn. We all continue this journey to

become better men. Of course, a youngster is not going to get it all right in the eight short weeks. Neither is he going to get it all in sixteen weeks and perhaps not even after 25 long years. But, after eight weeks we can know if he is capable, willing, and desirous of joining with us on this quest we follow towards the light given off by the diamond. We can know if he is one which whom we sympathize and deem worthy of our regard.



Chris Ramsay

It is incumbent on us; and helps to refocus our efforts, to provide the training and experiences that allow our new members to develop into those men who stand with us, shoulder to shoulder. The New Initiate Educational Program is a major positive development the chapter has established and refined during the past several years. It achieved a level of critical importance with the new initiation schedule. Only so many things can be covered in a classroom setting. We must put our words into action through experience.

Experiential learning is our secret weapon. That is how we really learn to step up to the values of the ritual and in the choices we make as Active Members and Alumni. We learn from those who have gone before us, we emulate their good practices and then develop our own. We never stop being pledges, never stop learning, and never stop trying to become better men.

How many times have I said or heard "I cannot hear what you are saying because your actions speak so loud". As members of PiKA those who surround us outside the wicket door are watching. We hold ourselves to a higher standard; we should not be surprised to learn that others are watching to see how we handle situations as they arise. We are the ones who have to be the good, honest, and decent men. We know the power of phi phi kappa alpha and what it means to be pi kappa alpha. The newer members learn by watching the older men in the Chapter and those of us who are alumni. They are not sure how to learn leadership. We are then to take them by the hand, give them our support and leadership, and allow them to make mistakes and move on. We look after them and each other.

In phi phi kappa alpha,
I am, as always
Your Friendly Neighborhood Chapter Advisor

Ramsay

Homecoming 2013



Our very own Brian Van Booven (AK '10) won this year's Homecoming King! Alpha Kappa's Queen Nominee, Mireille Paquette, also won.

This year's Homecoming celebration was a great success for the Alpha Kappa Chapter. The theme of this Homecoming was superheroes, a theme this campus can really appreciate. We ended up taking 1st place in every event besides two, in which we took 2nd, thanks to our Special Events Chairman Bret Baer (AK '11). Alpha Kappa even took home both Homecoming King and Queen awards thanks to SMC Brian Van Booven (AK '10) and Mireille Paquette. In conjunction with the theme, Brother Craig Clark (AK '13) did an eerily amazing impersonation of the Joker from Batman. The yard display was a wonderfully put together model of Wayne Manor complete with rugs, a fireplace, a secret passageway bookcase, the Bat Cave, and Gotham City, again all from Batman. Aside from the competition itself, we had a great showing of alumni come back

to reminisce. The 1963 class had a large showing to commemorate their 50 year anniversary. Also, a large group of the fall 2003 Pledge Class made an appearance to announce their new scholarship endowment they created. Brother David Zimmerman (AK '89) was awarded the Robert V. Wolf Loyalty Award for his years of service and dedication to this fraternity. A big congratulation to Dave for receiving this prestigious award! Reports from the three alumni entities, the House Corporation, Educational Foundation, and Alumni Association were given as well. A delicious lunch catered by Lee's Chicken was provided for all in attendance. This year's homecoming could not have been more successful and we thank everybody who took part in it!

Dad's Day

The gentlemen of Alpha Kappa hosted our biannual Parent's Day on October 12th. On this day members of the house set time aside from school, campus organizations, and their otherwise busy schedules to spend time with their families and celebrate all they have done for them, and how important they have been in their lives. The day consisted of a scholarship presentation on campus, followed by a luncheon at the chapter house. The remainder of the day was spent however each member and their families wanted, but a baseball field was reserved for softball. The scholarship presentation was held in the St. Pat's Ballroom of the Havener Center and consisted of rewarding members for various accomplishments, from high academics standings to executing immaculate terms as an officer in the house. The chapter would like to thank all parents for coming down and making it a special event and to the alumni that donated money! Without you Alpha Kappa would not be the same.



Pictured above is Nick McGraw (AK '12) walking to the front of the room to receive his scholarship during Dad's Day 2013. Again thank you to all alumni and parents that went to ensure a wonderful day.

Community Service



Brothers raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Friday night, October 4, 2013 over 60 brothers were seen driving up the 44 highway on their way to St. Louis where they would be spending the weekend helping with the JDRF walk to cure diabetes. There they spent most of their time helping to set up, tear down, and even participate in the JDRF walk in Forest Park. The brothers assisted in everything from setting up tables and chairs to helping unpack food trucks. The walk helps to raise over one million dollars annually to help push to cure juvenile type one diabetes. Thousands of people were seen walking through

Forest Park on Sunday morning, and leading them were the gentlemen of Pi Kappa Alpha. This year there was a special treat for the walkers on Sunday morning. In order to excite the walkers, a flash mob was performed. After all was said and done, JDRF had itself a very successful walk. All that attended had a very enjoyable day and raised a hefty amount of money to continue the search for a cure. All the men from Pi Kappa Alpha were thrilled to help and look forward to the next JDRF walk.

Service Trip



Pictured are active members of Alpha Kappa during the Springfield service trip.

On Friday, the 15th of November, over 60 brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha were seen driving down to Springfield, MO where they spent the weekend helping the local community. The men of Alpha Kappa helped with anything from "Newborns in Need" to the Red Cross's event "A Sporting Chance." At "Newborns in Need," the men assisted in packaging and organizing supplies for underprivileged mothers that need assistance. Other men went to local parks in the area to help clean up litter and fix equipment. Later on Saturday night close to 30 brothers went to the Red Cross event "A Sporting Chance" where they assisted in a Special Olympic bowling tournament. The brothers helped to keep score and hand out trophies to winners. All members had a wonderful time and were very appreciative of the opportunities provided to them to assist the local Springfield community.

Linking Hearts 2013



Robert Pearson (AK '13)

Alpha Kappa participated in the Greek Week 2013 Linking Hearts Carnival. The carnival is held each year as an event seeking to match families and children seeking adoption. As part of the carnival, Greek organizations around campus host carnival style booths to entertain the children. This year, Alpha Kappa created their own miniature carnival with games ranging from ring toss, to Skee-ball, to a miniature golf hole in the shape of $\pi\kappa\alpha$. Children who came to Alpha Kappa's Booth also received prizes. The event is also a Greek competition for Greek Week points in which Alpha Kappa placed second.

Greek Week 2013

This year's Greek Week brought together many fraternities through games, events, and speakers. Although the Alpha Kappa chapter took second place this year, the bonding and brotherhood obtained through countless hours of training and preparing for the events is truly priceless. Through the direction of Special Events Chairman Bret Baer (AK '11), Pike was able to receive 1st place in many of the events including chariot showcase, homerun derby, volleyball, obstacle course, dodge ball, and many others. As a first for Alpha Kappa, committees were set up under the guidance of Bret to handle the separate tasks during the month long Greek "Week." These positions included aluminum cans, banner, canned castle, chariot, idi-odysseys, linking hearts, opening/closing games, participation, and practices. A special thanks goes out to the committee chairmen: Ryan Paul (AK '11), James Hildreth (AK '11), Adam McDonell (AK '11), Erik Schou (AK '13), Trevor Becherer (AK '11), Craig Clark (AK '13), Chris Hollenberg (AK '11), and Tyler Meyer (AK '11) for all of their hard work. Let's bring it back home next year!

"Despicable Me" Show Chariot: This year Alpha Kappa's themed show Chariot took first Place! Pictured is Arthur Hartt (AK '10) as Gru from the Movie "Despicable Me."

"Bringing the Rain": Brothers Paul McGhee (AK '12), John Wilson (AK '10), and Drew Pfyl (AK '13) took first place for Alpha Kappa in Sand Volleyball in this year's Greek Week.



IFC Junior & Baby Rep

Pi Kappa Alpha continues its record of strong representation in Interfraternity Council. Junior representative Daniel Grace (AK '12) was recently elected Vice President of Programming; Dan oversees the larger of the IFC committees such as Greek Week, Greek Sing, and Up 'Til Dawn. Alpha Kappa's first year representative, Joe Henderson (AK '13) received the position of sales. In receiving this position he hopes that he can one day work his way up to president.

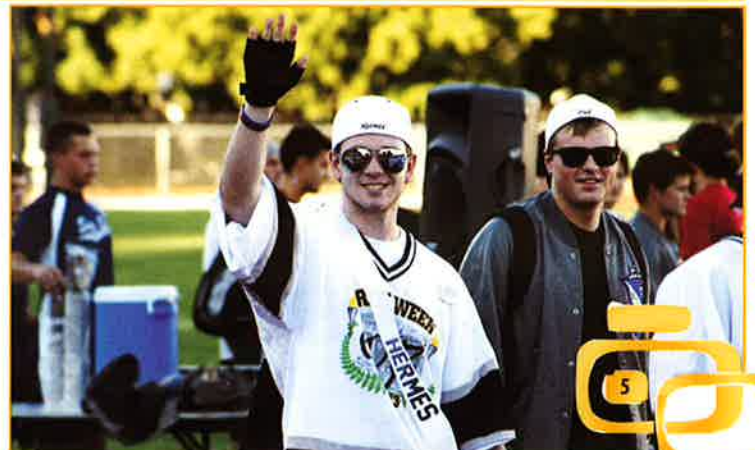
Pictured are the current representatives of Pi Kappa Alpha in Interfraternity Council. From left: Brothers Robert Chisholm (AK '11), Joe Henderson (AK '13), and Dan Grace (AK '12).



In the Godz

Brother Robert Chisholm (AK '11) was honored for his hard work as Hermes for Greek Week 2013. In his time with IFC, he held the Scholarship Chair position and Secretary. As Secretary, his main executive responsibilities were regularly updating the website and taking minutes for meetings throughout the year. Brother Chisholm deserved to enjoy the fruits of his labor for IFC in his last Greek Week.

Brother Robert Chisholm (AK '11) as Hermes during Greek Week 2013



Graduating Seniors

May 2013 Commencement

On Saturday, May 18, 2013 thirteen members of Alpha Kappa graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology. These men served the fraternity in a variety of positive ways during their college career at Missouri S&T. We wish them the best of luck on their future endeavors, and hope to see them serve our chapter as alumni.



Front: Christopher Lear (AK '11), Christopher Barton (AK '09), Andrew Busby (AK '09), Kyle Sneed (AK '09), Jonathan Goecker (AK '09), Nicholas Bouvatte (AK '09), Austin Reed (AK '09). Back from left: Matthew Whitwell (AK '10), Sterling Price (AK '10), Zachary Ewbank (AK '09), Dustin Hale (AK '09), Joseph Graff (AK '09)



Andrew Busby Graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Business. He served Alpha Kappa as the chapter Historian, Brotherhood Chairman, Steward, Secretary, Pledge Educator, and President. Andrew now works in New Orleans, Louisiana for Chevron as a Design Engineer.



Joseph Graff Graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and minors in Materials and Business. He served Alpha Kappa as the intramural chairman, the captain of the lacrosse team for 3 years, and President of the club for a year. He currently works in St. Louis for Watlow in their engineering rotational program and will be moving to Columbia, Missouri in a year.



Jonathan Goecker Graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served Alpha Kappa as one of the Rush Chairman. Jonathan now works for Barry Wehmiller Design Group in St. Louis.



Chris Barton Graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Business. While in house he was Duties Chairman for 2 semesters, Summer House Manager, and Fall House Manager. He currently works in Chesterfield, Missouri for Concrete as a Safety Engineer.



Kyle Sneed Graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He served Alpha Kappa as chapter President, Internal Vice President, Scholarship, Fundraising, and Assistant Brotherhood. He was a four year letterman on the varsity soccer team. Kyle now works in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for Chevron Drilling & Completions as a Well Site Manager.



Matthew Whitwell Graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering. While at Missouri S&T, on campus he was involved in Kappa Mu Epsilon, so much so he became Vice President. Currently Matt is actively searching for full time employment.



Christopher Lear Graduated with a degree in Information Science and Technology and minors in Business and Enterprise Resource Planning. He served Alpha Kappa as the chapter Webmaster, Computers Chairman, and helped build many floats and yard displays for Greek Week and Homecoming. Chris now works in Kansas City for Cerner Corporation as an Analyst.



Matthew Crinnian Graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a minor in Finance and Mathematics. Within Alpha Kappa Matthew served as the Treasurer, Continuing Education chair and leader of the Sack Lunch-A-Thon fundraising event. Matt is now employed in South Georgia as a Nuclear Plant Operator for Southern Nuclear Company.



Sterling Price Graduated with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He served as the recruitment chair for Pike and was a four year "A" team basketball player. On campus he was in the Advanced Aero Vehicle group. Sterling now works as a manufacturing engineer for GKN Aerospace in St. Louis.



Nick Bouvatte Graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served Alpha Kappa as the chapter Steward. Nicholas now lives in Quincy, Illinois.



Dustin Hale Graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He served Alpha Kappa as the New Member Educator, External Vice President, Sergeant at Arms, Community Service Chairmen, and Risk Management Chairmen. He now works for Barry Wehmiller Design Group as an Electrical Engineer in St. Louis.

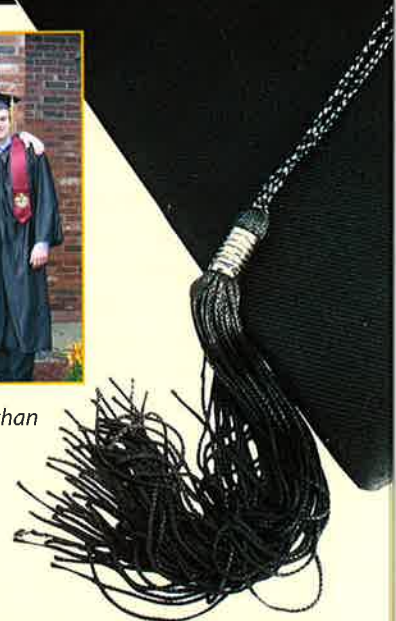


Zach Ewbank Graduated with a degree in Petroleum Engineering and a minor in Geology. He served Alpha Kappa as the brotherhood and social chair, as well as the external and fix-it house manager. He was a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) and the Missouri S&T Trap and Skeet Team. Zachary now works in Lawrenceville, IL for Rex Energy as a Production Engineer.



Austin Reed Graduated with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He served Alpha Kappa as both social and brotherhood chair. Austin now works for Schlumberger.

Class of 2013



Alpha Kappa Recruitment: "The Most Best Men"

For the fall semester of 2013, the Director of Recruitment Ben Raulston (AK '11) successfully led a recruitment team that rushed a pledge class of 30 exemplary young men. A pledge class of this size makes it one of the largest pledge classes on campus this semester. Part of the reason for such great success in recruiting is Brother Raulston's outstanding implementation of teaching the younger brothers how to be successful recruitment chairs and the use of a larger committee to divide tasks up more efficiently. Members of the new pledge class include multiple all-state varsity athletes, honor scholars, and young men who were actively involved in their high schools. These young men continue to use their talents by playing varsity sports for Missouri S&T, joining and successfully obtaining leadership roles in campus organizations, and most importantly by keeping up with their studies. These new members, who have each been successful in their own right in high school, are already striving for success in their college careers, proving that Alpha Kappa really does rush "the most best men."

The recruitment for the spring semester of 2014 is looking to be more successful than it has been in previous spring semesters. By then end of September 2013, Alpha Kappa will have already signed over 16 young men to join the spring pledge class, which more than doubles the average of the past two spring semesters. The new Director of Recruitment, Clint Brown (AK '12), is leading most of the same team that had so much success in previous semesters. Rush Chairmen Logan Fitch (AK '13) and Tyler Jaegers (AK '13) are helping Brother Brown with new and successful recruitment ideas. These ideas include mandatory name generation from the freshmen class and increased participation in new events on campus such as IFC Opening Week activities and Miner-Rama. To help the Rush Chairmen with their tasks throughout the semester are Rush Captains, Curt Gielow (AK '13), Carlin Ballay (AK '13), and Chris Kennard (AK '13). For this semester, there is also a new committee called "Rush Advisors." The immediate past Directors of Recruitment are placed onto this committee and help assist such a young recruitment committee keep on track throughout the semester. This group includes past Directors of Recruitment Brother Raulston (AK '11), and current SMC Brian Van Booven (AK '10).

As Alpha Kappa continues to search for and rush the most best men on campus, the recruitment committee strives to always keep rush in the forefront of their minds. With such a unique recruiting structure and strong recruiting techniques, the new spring class is looking to be as successful, diverse, and talented as the previous fall semester.



Clint Brown
Rush Director

New Events Helps Rush Prosper

Recruiting for a spring pledge class is much different than recruiting for a fall pledge class. While recruiting for the fall, names are generated from numerous sources. These sources include PRO days, a list of names received from The Department of Fraternity & Sorority Life, and names generated from members already in house. Spring recruitment; however, does not have these luxuries. This semester, the recruitment committee looked for new ways to meet men who already demonstrated the qualities of Pike but who have not yet considered being a Pike.

The recruitment committee participated in and hosted a few new events this semester. This year on campus, an event called "Miner-Rama" was hosted by the Department of Student Life. Set up outside around The Puck, student organizations were encouraged to set up a booth to get new and current students interested in organizations on campus. The recruitment committee participated in this event and eventually signed five men who visited our booth.

Another event was held in combination with a brotherhood event. When the St. Louis Cardinals went to the World Series this October the brotherhood and rush committees combined to hold a joint viewing party. The Pike brothers watched one of the games at the Pike house and the recruitment committee invited potential new members to attend. Four men were signed from this event.

With participation and organization at these events, the recruitment committee was able generate names and sign more men than in previous semesters. More than half of the new spring pledge class came from rush participation in these events. The recruitment committee will continue to be on the lookout for more events and ideas to help generate even more names for future semesters.

Want to help with Rush?

Do you know a high school senior coming to Missouri S&T in the fall? Does he have the qualities to make him an excellent Pike? Any tips are greatly appreciated and will be actively pursued by our recruitment committee.

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Director of Recruitment: Clint Brown

Rush Chairmen: Logan Fitch and Tyler Jaegers

Rush Captains: Curt Gielow, Chris Kennard, and Carlin Ballay

The Academy

Alpha Kappa, once again, was able to celebrate the victories and achievements of the 2012–2013 school year in Memphis, TN at The Academy. A group of brothers from AK spent the weekend learning about chapter programming, attending seminars on personal development, and receiving professional advice from successful Pikes across the country. Not only were they able to learn a lot about being a leader, but they were able to see the sights of Memphis and network with Pikes from all over the United States at the same time. Of course, all of the entertainment and excitement culminated Saturday night at the awards banquet.

Alpha Kappa's reputation for programming excellence was reinforced by being awarded its 10th consecutive Robert Adger Smythe award, and 22nd overall Smythe award in chapter history. Alpha Kappa's overwhelming amount of community service hours, record breaking philanthropy, and athletic victories all contributed to this success. Alpha Kappa was also recognized with the following awards – 100% Phi Phi Club Award, Athletics Division II Programming Award, International Fraternity

Participation Division II Programming Award, and 100+ Man Chapter Award. Finally, Alpha Kappa was granted Chapter House of the Quarter for the superior quality, upkeep, and renovations maintained in the chapter house. The Academy was another success for the active chapter as a whole, and the brothers look forward to working hard to earn another Smythe next year.

Academy Awards List 2013

- 100% Phi Phi Club Award
- Athletics Division II Programming Award
- International Fraternity Participation Division II Programming Award
- Chapter House of the Quarter Award
- 100+ Man Chapter Award
- 22nd overall and 10th consecutive Robert Adger Smythe award.
- Raymond L. Orians award of Excellence
- Pike University 25 man commitment award



Members of the Active chapter made the long journey to Memphis, Tennessee to receive numerous awards. Active members that went were Alex Witt (AK '13), Trevor Becherer (AK '11), Andrew Busby (AK '09), Brian Van Booven (AK '10), Arthur Hartt (AK '10), Cadence Kirchner (AK '11), Ryan Paul (AK '11), and Corey Hale (AK '11).

Campus Involvement

This year campus involvement expanded its position to now include the new ambassador program. The ambassadors mission is too continuously recruit members of the house to join their respective organizations. While any new addition to your organizations is good, what they really want to focus on are the younger members of the house. The chapter has many campus leaders in the house today; however, these leaders will not be around forever. Every chapter needs young guys to step up and become the new leaders on campus. As well as recruiting new members, it is also the ambassador's responsibility to inform the chapter through email, and spoken word on events and meetings of their respective organizations. The chapter always needs new leaders, and it is up to the ambassadors, along with the members of the campus involvement position, to assure this happens. This was the ambassador programs first year in action so there were some kinks to work out, however even in its early stages it has made a large strides. This new program has a lot to offer and will only continue to grow and gain influence in the future years to come.



Pikes Help Found Organizations

AK Pikes have taken a large role in the founding and re-founding of significant organizations on campus. Upon hearing that the American Society of Mechanical Engineers had fallen into disarray, a contingent of Pikes took it upon themselves to re-found the organization and bring it back to its former glory. In addition to ASME, a large group of Greek leaders have created a new organization on campus.

Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol (GAMMA) is an organization focused on the mitigation and resolution of risk management issues of the Greek community. The organization itself has been in the works for some time but has just begun to break out this past semester. The first executive council was created with AK Pikes Trevor Becherer (AK '11) and Erik Hinze (AK '10) in the positions of President and Vice President of Programming. While still working through the process to become a registered student organization, GAMMA has already started to perform its mission on campus. Nearly every IFC or Pan-Hellenic will receive a GAMMA risk management presentation by the end of the year. These presentations educate chapters on "mature management practices" for risk instead of preaching that all risky behavior should be avoided. GAMMA is also working on creating a training program for every Greek Exec on campus. Brother Cadence Kirchner (AK '11) is a co-chair of this committee. The training event will occur in January of 2014. It will be held over two days and include the Student Health Department, Counseling Department, University Police, Student Conduct Department, and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. During training, Greek executive members will experience real life situations and be forced to react to them in real time with live role playing. This training, in combination with the myriad of documentation, will hopefully create a program that will allow the officers to keep the campus and their members safe.

Alpha Kappa is proud of our campus leaders. Their ability to maintain a spirit of leadership continues to give our chapter a respected place on the S&T campus.

Pikes Showcase Skills on the Solar House Design Team

In order to be a true Pike, one must take leadership positions in various organizations. In joining the Solar House Design Team, Brother Hinze (AK '10) and Brother Landers (AK '12) truly embodied this, by representing their campus and Pi Kappa Alpha on a national stage.

Both brothers exceeded the expectations put in front of them by the newly appointed director of the Student Design Center, Brother Christopher Ramsay. Over the summer while working on the chapter house, they were approached by Brother Ramsay to provide help in completing the deck for the solar house. Without hesitation, the deck was underway with all three of them working side by side. After a few short weeks, the deck was flawlessly completed. The other members of solar house were astonished by the quality of one of their most important pieces. This accomplishment led to the invitation of joining a few elite members of the Solar House Design Team, in going to the Solar Decathlon in Irvine, California.

Upon arrival, Brothers Hinze and Landers understood the daunting task that was ahead of them, working 12 hour days, over the next week. Although experiencing minor complications, the values of Pi Kappa Alpha were kept true to their hearts. On one of the final days in California, the house had to be pushed together... neither of these two astonishing men were able to budge this massive weight. After what seemed to be an endless struggle, the pieces of the house were finally able to be bolted together, and this was only accomplished because of the strength and ingenuity of Brother Hinze and Landers.... using winches.

When the week was finished, all of the goals originally set had been completed. Although the teams overall placement was a bit disappointing, the team benefitted greatly from the contribution of our chapter members, due to their never give up spirit, overwhelming work ethic, and great team companionship.

These two could have only learned these skills at Pi Kappa Alpha. Their shared chemistry, and love of the fraternity, made them a successful team and true asset to the Solar Design Team. By traveling to California and setting aside previous obligations, Brothers Hinze and Landers remained truthful to Brother Ramsay whom could not be more proud of them for representing Pi Kappa Alpha in the best light.




Brothers Keith Landers (AK '11) and Erik Hinze (AK '10) traveled to Irvine, California to help build the Solar house



Leadership

External VP Mason Brown		Recruitment Director Clint Brown		Treasurer Justin Vance		Secretary Alex Witt		Pledge Educator Arthur Hartt		House Manager Ryan Paul		Internal VP Greg Kabak	
Campus Involvement Angelo Encapera				Assistant Treasurer Will Castillo						Steward Tanner Nelson		Alumni Relations Jake Westrich	
Community Serv. James Ballins										Fix-It John Wernert		Brotherhood Carlin Ballay	
Correspondence Curt Gielow										Duties Zach Baker		Continuing Ed. Ben Raulston	
Intramurals Erik Shou										Exterior Craig Clark		Computers Dalton Gibbs	
Public Relations Cody Seckfort												Fundraising Ted Leonard	
Social Paul McGhee												Historian Zach Monroe	
Sorority Relations Tyler Jaegers												Parent's Club Craig Clark	
Special Events Bret Baer												Risk Manager Seth Bull	
												Scholarship Will Castillo	
												Webmaster Joe Miller	





Pictured are members of the Incoming, Outgoing, and the alumni Executive members of Pi Kappa Alpha. This picture was taken in Eureka, Missouri at the Holiday Inn by Six Flags St. Louis. These members came together to discuss key aspects of how Pi Kappa Alpha's inner workings are done and how they can be improved. At its conclusion, there was a clear understanding where improvements need to be made to maintain being number one on campus at Missouri S&T.

Executive Officers

SMC:	Brian Van Booven
1st IMC:	Mason Brown
2nd IMC:	Greg Kabak
ThC:	Justin Vance
SC:	Alex Witt
House Manager:	Ryan Paul
Pledge Educator:	Arthur Hartt
Rush:	Clint Brown



Pictured are the fall 2013 executive members of Pi Kappa Alpha. (from left): Arthur Hartt (AK '10), Clint Brown (AK '12), Justin Vance (AK '12), Greg Kabak (AK '11), Brian Van Booven (AK '10), Alex Witt (AK '13), Ryan Paul (AK '11), Mason Brown (AK '11).



Intramurals

Yet again, Alpha Kappa is embracing their winning traditions. This winning spirit is seen throughout the house from guys like Adam Altman (AK '09) all the way down to the new pledge class of Fall 2013. The intramural season was kicked off with a complete domination of softball. The Pikes A team went undefeated in the regular season, with a run differential of +38. Coming into the playoffs, spirits were high and confidence was abundant from everyone in the house. The championship game was the only adversity faced throughout the season. After the top of the 3rd inning, the Pikes were down 14-5 against Sigma Phi Epsilon. Although the odds were stacked against them, there was clearly a fighting spirit in the team, as it answered with 21 runs of their own in the bottom of the 3rd. This charge started off with a homerun by Jon Wilmes (AK '12). The momentum had shifted, and the other crowd quieted. After 5 innings Pikes was awarded the 1st place trophy. Disk golf was held a couple weeks after the school year began. Playing for Pikes was Nate Freeman (AK '10), Jacob Zimmerman (AK '12), Colin Eyster (AK '12), and Brandon Lile (AK '12). The two twosomes managed a 4th place finish. Although we did not manage to get first, we did not lose to any other team in the competitive division.

Ultimate Frisbee was yet again affected by the weather. After an early round loss, Pikes began to battle back through the loser's bracket. After Friday, there was some optimism that they could battle back to the championship however; rain forced the tournament directors to cancel the rest of the loser's bracket, ending Pikes chances earlier than we had hoped for.

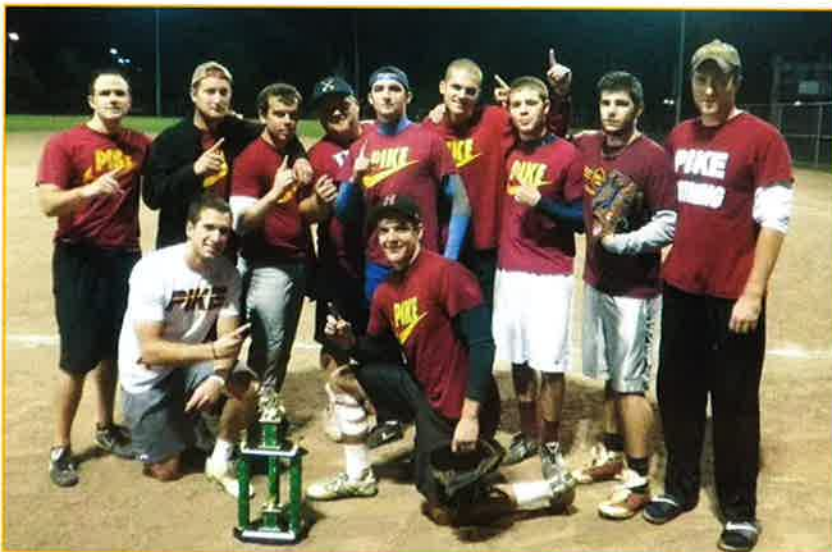
Swimming was up next in the gauntlet. The team was led by three upperclassmen: Nate Freeman (AK '10), Robert Chisholm (AK '11), and Albin Dohmen (AK '12), Joined by 6 men of the Fall 2013 pledge class. Between the leadership of the older men and the spark that the younger guys brought, Pikes was able to win Swimming, by a large margin. This was the first time in many years that we have won Swimming,

and with the promise that the new pledge class shows, swimming should become yet another sport that Pikes win year in and year out.

Football looked promising after the first game of the season with Logan Fitch (AK '13), the ex-quarterback of the Miners football team, in the pocket, taking a win from Beta Sigma Psi by a margin of 46. After that game however, the wheels came off, and Pikes limped into the playoffs as the 5th seed, eventually losing in the wild-card game to Sigma Nu.

Badminton and Billiards were on the slate for the first two weekends of November. Playing singles for Pikes badminton, Raheel Hassan (AK '11), beat all other fraternities, only losing to independents. Doubles were not quite as successful, but, not a complete disappointment. Billiards started the following weekend, Friday night with Albin Dohmen (AK '12) competing for Pikes in singles. He was joined by Evan Fox (AK '11) to play doubles for Pikes on Saturday afternoon.

With the disappointing football season, the volleyball team knew that their season was that much more important. Led by John Wilson (AK '10) and Paul McGhee (AK '12), this team showed promise. The additions of Pledge Drew Phyl and Pledge John Vogel, (both high school club volleyball players), the A team was stacked, and had their eye on the first place trophy, after a third place finish last year. A team this year would not be denied and took home the Championship! Intramural Chairman Erik Schou (AK '13) is confident, although there have been some hardships, that Pikes will hold 1st place at the end of the semester. The hard work put in this semester, will need to be carried through second semester, if Pikes want to capture their 14th straight overall intramural title. The men of this brotherhood will find it within themselves, to bring home yet another trophy.



Pikes also took first place in softball. Front row from left: Tim Dalton (AK '11), Kevin Kimmle (AK '12). Back row from left: Tyler Meyer (AK '11), Jake Shaw (AK '09), Jacob Colter (AK '11), Adam Altmann (AK '09), Bret Baer (AK '11), Erik Shou (AK '13), Matthew Meglio (AK '10), Mike Archibald (AK '11), and John Wilmes (AK '12).



Pikes took first place in Intramural swimming! From left: Albin Dohmen (AK '12), Rodger Taylor (AK '13), Josh Mefford (AK '13), Jeremy Bruder (AK '13), and Chancellor Kurre (AK '13).

New Initiates & Pledges

New Initiates

Three more outstanding Alpha Kappa men were initiated into the bonds on Saturday, August 24. Led by Pledge Educator Cadence Kirchner (AK '11), these men had a very successful pledge semester. The chapter looks forward to the contributions and accomplishments of the Spring 2013 pledge class.

RIGHT: (Pictured from left) Tanner Kenworthy (AK '13), William Castillo (AK '13), Tyler Jaegers (AK '13).



Recruitment for the fall semester has done an excellent job and I am pleased to announce the newest class of Alpha Kappa, the fall 2013 New Member Class. With a total of 31 new members, this class is the largest new member class on campus. It was proven early in the semester that this class has some big ambitions, they really do have SLAG potential. The beginning of the semester brought our New Member Retreat, where the new members set goals for the semester and learned about the operations and expectations of Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Kappa.

With the knowledge gained from the retreat, these new members have already begun their journey through Alpha Kappa, actively accepting roles within their class and striving to work hand in hand with the active chapter to accomplish their goals. They have organized many functions to bring the class together as well as planned numerous new fundraisers.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with these new members, and am very excited for what they have to offer to Alpha Kappa in the upcoming years.

-Arthur Hartt
New Member Educator



Pledge Class

Pictured top left to right: Michael Hooper, Drew Pfyl, Zach Tuhoski, Caanan Kindel, Kalen Brickey, Zachary Duran, Jeremy Bruder, Conner Kirtley, Keegan Kendrick, Andrew Dumuria, and Dalton Major. Pictured middle left to right: Corey Shepard, Ryan "Chuck" Kelley, Frederick Murphy, Chancellor Kurre, Wesley Freeman, Jonah Walker, Tyler Ferrell, Jonathan Vogel, Connor Downs, and Joseph Richmeyer. Pictured bottom left to right: Pledge Educator Arthur Hartt (AK '10), Tanner Morgan, Zach Monroe, John Schliem, Jake Best, Robert Pearson, Roger Taylor, David Tutt, Josh Mefford, Joaquin Alarcon, Gregory Evans, and Pledge Educator Assistant Alex Witt (AK '13).

Pike's Powder Puff Football

Pi Kappa Alpha has brought together a group of amazing athletic S&T women for the first annual Pike's Powder Puff Football Game. The idea was brought up by Brother Bret Baer (AK' 11) as a fundraiser for the underprivileged young students of Rolla (the Friday Backpack Club). By the end of the football game, the event raised over \$600 for the Rolla Backpack Program. With the help of Greg Kabak (AK' 11) and Ted Leonard (AK' 12), the turn out on the night of the game was amazing. The two teams were coached by Brothers Dan Grace (AK' 12) and Logan Fitch (AK' 13), who even dressed the part for the occasion. The teams were split randomly from a mix of MS&T varsity athletes and women from the Chi Omega sorority. As a donation, the ladies paid for their own jerseys for the game. With sound equipment rented from the Student Union Board, Pike was able to provide music and commentary during the game, courtesy of Brother Sam Diacon (AK' 11). The Student Union Board, through their OAR department, donated lawn chairs, water coolers, and canopies for the event. The "Frat Row" intramural fields and football equipment were provided by S&T Intramural Association. Two intramural football referees even volunteered their time to ref the match. Although it was a chilly night, the athletes provided some amazing entertainment, scoring multiple touchdowns in each of the halves. For their tremendous effort, the ladies were invited over to Pike after the game for grilled hamburgers.



Pictured are some of the ladies who participated in the game and Brother Dan Grace (AK' 12) who coached one of the two teams.

Plans for the second annual football game will include coordination with the student barbeque club to provide great tailgate food for the spectators, t-shirt sales before the game as an added fundraiser, and door prizes given out randomly to attendees. Pi Kappa Alpha would like to thank everyone who helped set this great fundraiser up and the ladies who played in the football game, we wouldn't have been able to do it without you. Here's to next year!

Sack Lunch-a-thon

Sack Lunch-a-thon came and went again this Fall semester. This is the philanthropy event that the men of Alpha Kappa host every Fall semester to support the Friday Backpack Program in Rolla, a charity that provides underprivileged children with a backpack full of food for the weekend. The new members of Alpha Kappa took to the streets of Rolla and went around to all sorts of businesses and schools in the area to try and sell some lunches. The orders were collected from around 30 businesses and schools and we put in our order to US Foods to get the food to make the lunches for all these assorted companies. Pepsi was even kind enough to provide us with free Pepsi produces that we include in the lunches. We were able to borrow a meat slicer from the TKE house so that we could cut the deli meat in sandwich quality slices. With everything ready to go it then came to the task of putting together all the lunches. We put together an assortment of Ham, Turkey, and Roast Beef sandwich with an

assortment of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, or water to drink. Every lunch also came with a bag of chips, a chocolate chip cookie, and a fruit (either orange or apple). We bagged up over 150 lunches and sorted them into appropriate boxes to take to the schools and businesses the next day. After all was said and done Alpha Kappa ended up making over \$1200 to donate to the Rolla Friday Backpack Program! We are very proud to support our local charities and local businesses. We thank everybody for their support and their hard work in making this event successful.



Greg Kabak (AK' 11), the Internal Vice President, along with fellow brothers made lunches the night before the delivery date. The event would not have been possible without all their help.



Brotherhood

Pike University — Fall 2013

Chapter Spotlight



Pictured are active members of Alpha Kappa and Chris Ramsay, Alpha Kappa's chapter Advisor in Kansas City, Missouri for Pike University.

Alpha Kappa has again shown its international dominance by sending one of the largest groups of men to the regional Pike University conference in Kansas City.

The members got to spend the weekend at the luxurious Westin Hotel at the Crown Plaza. Thirty six men attended including twenty eight new members and eight actives. Every semester this event is attended by the entire new member class and as many active members as possible yearning to improve their leadership skills.

Some of the educational sessions attended include Chapter Accountability, Improving Recruitment, and Professional Dress. These are just a small number of many different sessions designed to train chapter members in numerous groundbreaking leadership tactics.

The actives that spent their weekend honing their skills included the SMC, SC, New Member Educator, House Manager, and Director of Recruitment. While the actives enjoyed the wonderful nightlife that Kansas City provides, the new members spent their free time bonding and telling stories at the Hotel. This event provides a lot of outside guidance to the new members and helps them choose a path of success in Alpha Kappa.

This Pike University summit was extra special to the men of Alpha Kappa. Our very own chapter Advisor, Chris Ramsay, was asked to Lecture on the Ritual of Pi Kappa Alpha. This is traditionally reserved for Dr. Jerome V. Reel (Author of The Oak) and typically in his absence a videoed lecture of Dr. Reel is presented. The Ritual presentation is perhaps the most meaningful and exciting lecture given at International Pike events and to have our very own Chapter Advisor lecture on the subject is certainly an honorable occurrence. Chris did an excellent job and we all at Alpha Kappa hope that he will be asked again and again to educate other young Pikes as he has graciously done for us.

Jake Campbell's family wrote to the chapter.

On the night of Friday, May 31st my husband and I had just helped our son, Jake Campbell (AK' 12) move into his apartment in Oxford Mississippi, as he was to start his seven month Co-op. As we were watching the devastating tornados in Oklahoma we started receiving phone calls saying that our home in Weldon Spring, Missouri had been hit as well.

We returned home early the next morning to the news media in our driveway and the American Red Cross crews checking on the damage. Our home had severe damage and we were at a loss as to how to clean up the mess. Soon after we started the clean up, several of Jake's fraternity brothers had gotten word and came over to help. Brad Gilmer (AK' 12), Joe Miller (AK' 12) and Zach Baker (AK' 12) volunteered their time and efforts to help out the family as one of their own.

I cannot express our sincere appreciation of their selfless act of kindness. They worked hard and by the end of the day we had much of the damage cleared. I am proud that my son is a part of the Pike Fraternity, which has such caring members and I just wanted to recognize these young men and what they did for us.

Sincerely,
Lisa and Mike Campbell

Members of the Alpha Kappa Chapter helped Brother Campbell's family after their house was hit by a tornado. Pictured from left: Brad Gilmer (AK' 12), Zach Baker (AK' 12), and Joe Miller (AK' 12)



NFL Kickoff!

On Sunday, September 8, we celebrated the first NFL Sunday of the new season with a brotherhood event, by firing up the grill and cheering on our hometown favorites. We grilled around two hundred burgers and melted down around two pounds of queso dip. The day was greatly complimented when the Rams pulled out a nail biter against Arizona, and the Chiefs handled the Jaguars.

Brotherhood Week

Brotherhood Week took place the week of October 27th through October 31st; it was a great time full of fun and excitement. A format for the week first had to be created so that we could maximize the participation throughout the chapter.

After months of planning Brotherhood chairman Carlin Ballay (AK '12) and 2nd IMC Greg Kabak (AK '11) finally came up with the events to host. We started off the week on Sunday October 27th by taking to the greens for a two-man scramble golf tournament. Sunday was a sunny and calm day, perfect for a day on the golf course. At the end of the day Brothers Will Castillo (AK '13) and Angelo Encapera (AK '13) led the pack and brought home the win.



On the Sunday of brotherhood week, 14 members went golfing at the local golf course. Will Castillo (AK'13) and Angelo Encapera (AK'13) took first place in the two man scramble.

The week of festivities continued on with a variance of small competitions. On Monday, the TV room in the Alpha Kappa house was packed in with people to cheer on the St. Louis Cardinals in their efforts to bring home the World Series. Tuesday's festivities were headed with a video game showdown. We packed the TV room again, but this time with video game systems and TVs as opposed to Cardinals gear. The list of games consisted of: Fifa, PGA Tour, Mario Cart, and Mortal Kombat. Brother Christopher Hollenberg (AK '11) came out as the champion of the night to everybody's surprise. As a prize for winning this tournament he was awarded the brand new video game Grand Theft Auto V.



From the picture it is easy to see that Craig Clark (AK'13) had the room dying of laughter during the 'roasting' brotherhood event.

On Thursday, the grand finale, we held a comical "Roast" of some of the elder members of the house; including president Brian Van Booven (AK '10), Erik Hinze (AK '10), Keith Landers (AK '12), Dan Grace (AK '12), and Trenton Walters (AK '10). The "Roasters" for the evening were Craig Clark (AK '12) and Arthur Hartt (AK '10) amongst others who decided to stand up and say their piece about their friends up on stage. One "Roaster," Brother Clint Brown (AK '12), even went so far as to write an elaborate, Dr. Seus-esque poem about his pledge brother Keith Landers (AK '12) that put everybody on the ground in tears. Impersonations were done, stories told, and quips and jokes thrown around. The roast was a hilarious and successful way to end a great week of entertainment and brotherhood.

Overall Brotherhood Week was a great time spent with brothers sharing laughs, making memories, and having some adventurous fun. Next year's will be even more eventful and fun.

Scholarships

Scholarships Awarded at Dad's Day, October 12, 2013

Almost 100 individual scholarships and awards totaling over \$48,000 were presented to undergraduate members of the Alpha Kappa Chapter this past October during Dad's Day. Awards were given for scholastic achievement, sports, service, and leadership.

This is the eleventh year that the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation has provided scholarships. Over \$620,000 has been provided to our undergraduate members since 2003.

A new scholarship this year was endowed by the Fall 2003 pledge class. This is a performance-based award to the Special Events Chairman. It is to be presented each semester based on meeting goals set for Alpha Kappa in multiple events at Missouri S&T.



Pictured is part of this year's executive committee receiving their awards for all their hard work. From left: Greg Kabak (AK '11), Spencer Hiestand (AK '11), Brian Van Booven (AK '10), Ryan Paul (AK '11), and Trevor Becherer (AK '11)



Pictured are members receiving their awards from the generous Alpha Kappa Alumni on Dad's Day. These members are: Trenton Walters (AK '10), Greg Kabak (AK '11), Raheel Hassan (AK '11), and Nick McGraw (AK '12).

Leadership Awards

AKEF Officer Performance Awards

Trevor Becherer
Ryan Paul
Brian VanBooven
Jeffrey Dierker
Spencer Hiestand
Keith Landers
Cadence Kirchner

Ron Miller Award
Jordan Wengler

F2K3 Award
Bret Baer

John Latzer Award
Corey Hale

David Grimm Awards
Raheel Hassan
Greg Kabak
Christopher Hollenberg
Trenton Walters

Dick and Shirley Bauer Awards
Jake Campbell
Jeffrey Dierker
Daniel Grace
Nicholas McGraw

Chris Ramsay Award
Arthur Hartt

Robert White Award
Tanner Nelson

Russell Gund Award
Jeffrey Dierker

Don Myers/Phil Colombatto Award
Jeremy Bylo

Jerry Alyea Award
Chris Wieschhaus

Perrin Roller Award
David Zdvorak

R.V. Wolf Award
Trevor Bercherer

Mark Thompson Award
Kevin Kimmle

Bernie Rippert Award
Tyler Jaegers

Karl Morgan Award
John Muich

Charles Hubbard Award
Will Castillo

William Kruger Awards
Jacob Colter
Ryan Paul

Alumni Awards

Charles Wentz, Jr. Kapers Awards

Trevor Becherer
Ryan Paul
Brian VanBooven
Jeffrey Dierker
Spencer Hiestand
Greg Kabak

Charles Wentz, Jr. Chem-E Awards

Matthew Meglio
Peter Vaccaro
Greg Kabak
Joseph Macke
Tyler Myers

Dale and Patricia Spence Award

Jeremy Bylo

Scholastic Awards

3.8 – 4.0

Caleb Collier
Matt Jackson
Raheel Hassan
Jeffrey Hall
Tanner Nelson
Kyle Schraier
Jeffrey Dierker
Robert Chisholm
David Zdvorak
Keith Landers
Daniel Grace

3.5 – 3.79

Ben Raulston
Will Castillo
John Muich
Peter Vaccaro
Tyler Jaegers
Angelo Encapera
Jake Campbell
Adam McDonell
Ryan Paul
Trenton Walters
Brian Van Booven

Andrew Bignall
Michael Heise
Tim Schmitt
Brian Seawright
Taylor Thornhill
Jordan Wengler
Craig Clark

3.2 – 3.49

Josh Bennett
Zach Baker
Levi Ross
Taylor Arens
Randall Bergner
Garrett Eskens
Matthew Vandiver
Joseph Miller
Danny Tanksley
Trevor Becherer
Clint Brown

Kelsey Bardell
Carlin Ballay
Chris Wieschhaus
Arthur Hartt
Bret Baer
Jacob Westrich
Evan Fox
Jacob Rickard

AKEF Contributions

Pi Kappa Alpha MS&T Alumnus Values Education and Giving Back

Dr. Charles A. (Al) Wentz, Jr. (AK '54) attributes his many successes in life to his education and work experience. Throughout his career, he pursued his passion for knowledge and advancement. Appreciative of the education he received, Wentz believes in giving back to those, who helped him reach his goals.



That is why Wentz has established numerous endowed scholarships at MS&T, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE), and the greater Edwardsville, Illinois community to assist students in advancing their education and career. His hope is to encourage others to give back and make an impact for years to come.

He began his career as a chemical engineer and later followed his passions for teaching, entrepreneurship, and cooking, becoming a professor, business owner, textbook author and cookbook author. Wentz has always had a strong feeling about giving back, believing that if he is successful, he wants to assist those who helped him succeed. He earned a BS from Missouri S&T, his doctorate from Northwestern University and his MBA from SIUE.

Through his generous philanthropy, he established scholarships for various organizations at MS&T, SIUE, within Edwardsville, and in East St. Louis. At MS&T these include the elected officers of the PiKA chapter, who publish the AK Kapers, the PiKA students in chemical or biological engineering, the elected offices of the AIChE student chapter, and the elected officers of the Omega Chi Epsilon chapter.

At SIUE his scholarships are in engineering and the MBA programs. He annually gives 24 college and vocational scholarships at the Edwardsville High School to graduating seniors and 5 scholarships at local churches. At East St. Louis High School, the senior class receives five of his scholarships.

Additionally Wentz annually helps fund about 70 students at Edwardsville and East St. Louis High Schools to take the pre-ACT preparation courses.

He encourages students and alumni to recognize the value of their education and career opportunities. Hopefully, they will remember those who influenced their lives and be inspired to give back, when they are successful. As he comes to the end of his career, Wentz has decided to use his money to help students achieve their inspirations.

The Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation has provided for me, and many of my Alpha Kappa brothers, unfailing support throughout the years. In my four years at Missouri S&T and with the Alpha Kappa chapter, through both personal dedication and continuous Alumni involvement, I have been granted with multiple GPA scholarships, the Intramural Athlete Award, and the David C. Grimm scholarship. The support that I receive from these scholarships has been invested in my tuition, MCAT exams, and medical school applications, all of which are essential components to my success in the professional world and, in the future, my involvement as an alumnus with the Fraternity. Furthermore, the contributions made by Alpha Kappa and the AK Educational Foundation provide more than monetary support to our members. They promote educational advancement, integration in the community, and athletic achievement within the university. We are all grateful for the contributions that the AK Educational Foundation has invested in its members.



*With respect and gratitude,
—Raheel Hassan (AK '10)*

As a recipient of several scholarships this past semester, I am truly thankful and impressed at the successful scholarship program that the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation has established. I can personally say that the generosity of our alumni has allowed me to invest in resources necessary for me to create a solid foundation for my career. More importantly, this scholarship program has set precedence for all of the men of Alpha Kappa to never be complacent. As one of the many leaders in the active chapter of our fraternity, it gives me honor to say that our scholarship program only assures future success. I and many other students thank the generosity of our alumni and eagerly wait for our opportunity to give back.



—Ryan Paul (AK '11)

Scholarships awarded from the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation to current active members are a wonderful program designed to incentivize members. The fact that members are rewarded for outstanding performance in the classroom, on campus, and through leadership in the house is fantastic. These scholarships are great motivation for actives to put in the hours of hard work and take executive positions in the house. This semester was my first as an active and I received the Charles R. Hubbard award for the highest GPA of my pledge class along with another GPA scholarship. These scholarships mean a lot to me and not just financially. While it is nice to have extra money to attend fun events like Pike University, it's also great to be recognized for putting in a lot of hard work. I could not be more grateful for the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation and their contribution to the scholarships I have received, but also the ones that all undergraduate members have received. I hope this wonderful program continues to thrive.



—William Castillo (AK '13)

Alumni Events

AKAA Golf Tournament June 8th 2013

The AKAA 2013 Golf Tournament was held at Crescent Farms Golf Club in Eureka, Missouri on June 8th. Seven foursomes turned out on a gorgeous day to hit the small ball around, have a cold drink or five and catch up with the Brothers. The Links were in great shape thanks to the wet spring and

the scores reflected that. Low team scramble score was 10 under by Parth

Shah (AK '09), Austin Reed (AK '09), Jake Shaw (AK '09), and Marc Seibers (AK '09). Longest Drive went to Austin Reed (AK '09) and Closest to the Pin went to Roger Nekula. All attendees received an AK Commemorative golf ball, goodie bag, and dinner afterwards. A raffle was also held for a golf ball rack and set of π drinking glasses.

This year the Golf Committee made a special effort to encourage Alumni to donate items for prizes and goodie bags. Several Brothers stepped up and contributed, including Rich (Hank) Henry who donated a ton of McCarthy Logo Golf Balls, Allen ('Vert) Moore who donated boxes of Frito Lay Snacks, and Dan Boyce who donated \$70 to the cause. In addition we received support from several Alumni vendors and friends. The donations greatly enhanced the event. Thanks to all who donated for your generous support.

Next year's tournament is slated for June 7th with the location to be announced. Our goal is to have 50+ golfers next year with more donations from Alumnae for the Goodie Bags and Prizes. Donations of any type or quantity for prizes, raffle and goodie bags are requested. Please contact Golf Committee members to contribute. For all of those Alumni who couldn't make it in 2013, we'll be expecting you in 2014!



Pictured are the champions of this year's golf scramble. They are: Marc Siebers (AK '09), Parth Shah (AK '09), Jake Shaw (AK '09), and Austin Reed (AK '09)

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Alumni Enjoy Traditional Reunion



The eleventh annual Pi Kappa Alpha Grains and Grapes BBQ was held on September 21, 2013 at the home of the Al Wentz (Missouri S&T, Alpha Kappa '54) and Joan Wentz in Edwardsville, Illinois. Alumni from Illinois, Beta Eta, Northwestern, Gamma Rho, and Missouri S&T, Alpha Kappa attended and enjoyed smoked beef brisket, pork shoulder, and a variety of wonderful side dishes. The traditional commemorative cake was provided by Marv Ringer (Missouri S&T, Alpha Kappa '53).

Please mark your calendars for next year's Grains and Grapes BBQ on September 20, 2014 in Edwardsville, Illinois. All Pike alumni are invited to attend.

Alumni News

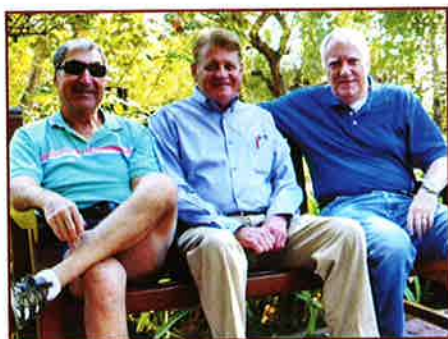
AKAA Update

The Alpha Kappa Alumni Association currently sponsors Happy Hour's in the St. Louis area, Graduation Luncheons at the Chapter House, and an Annual Golf Tournament (see related article in this Kapers). Although these events have been successful for the AKAA, we are currently looking to improve these events, and create new ones. We also wish to improve and promote communications between the AKAA and the Alumni.

We are beginning the process of evaluating technologies and methods on how to accomplish this, including internet and website capabilities, email accounts, smart phone, and the US Postal Service. This communication hinges on our improving the means for collecting new Alumni contact information, and validating the information which we currently have. Please contact us if your information has changed recently, online, at akpikes.org and selecting the "Contact Us" menu item. Please send your complete addresses so that we may send to you the latest edition of *Kapers*, and also send information about future events to your email/mobile phone.

While AKAA is working to improve, please help out by attending a Happy Hour, or the Golf Tournament—and bring a couple of Pledge Brothers or other AKs with you. You'll be glad you did! For those of you that would like to get actively involved, you can help the Alumni Association produce these events and come up with new ones. Our next AKAA Quarterly meeting on February 11th, 6:00 at Patrick's Restaurant of Westport, in St. Louis, or please drop an email to me, and we'll get you involved. There is plenty to do! We always welcome support, financially, through the 1905 Club, and would appreciate an annual contribution of \$20 to the AKAA, PO Box 460195, St. Louis, MO 63146. This helps to defray the costs for the yearly slate of events.

In the Bonds,
Charlie Klumb — AKAA President klumbc@charter.net



'Three Alpha Kappa Brothers meet at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, California!..... photo was taken by Sherry Mueller outside the library and birthplace of President Nixon where the three of us met on September 12th..... left to right are Dave Mueller (AK '66), Reg Nations (AK '64), and Keith Wedge (AK '66).

Alumni Travels

Dr. Charles Al Wentz, Jr. and his wife, Joan, recently returned from a land tour of northern Italy and southern France, followed by a small ship cruise of the French and Italian Riviera's. The history, scenic beauty, food and wine of this region are almost beyond comprehension. This is one of the best trips we have ever taken and was certainly a great pleasure. Highly recommended.

John Weekley Launches Career in Film

Submitted by John Weekley

After 38 years in the mechanical engineering field, Pi Kappa Alpha alumni and '74 MST grad John Weekley is turning his attention to Hollywood. Weekley sold his successful process control company, PROCONEX, in 2011 and decided to embark on a whole new adventure—the film industry. After meeting film producer Robert May in a joint consulting group, Weekley was fascinated by the powerful effects visual story telling could have on an audience, and called May's passion for film "contagious."



Since then, Weekley has been involved in three films: *The Station Agent*, starring Peter Dinklage, *Bonneville*, starring Jessica Lange and Kathy Bates, and the soon to be released *Kids for Cash*, based on the high profile judicial scandal of the same name. Weekley is the Executive Producer for *Kids for Cash*—a riveting look behind the notorious real life scandal that rocked the nation. The movie begins when Luzerne County, PA elected a charismatic judge who was hell-bent on keeping kids in line. Under his reign, over 3,000 children were ripped from their families and imprisoned for crimes as petty as creating a fake MySpace page. When one parent dared to question this harsh brand of justice, it was revealed that the judge had received millions of dollars in payments from the privately-owned juvenile detention centers where the kids—most of them only in their early teens—were incarcerated for years. Exposing the hidden scandal behind the headlines, *Kids for Cash* unfolds like a real-life thriller.

Kids for Cash recently had its world debut to a sold out audience at DOCNYC Film Festival in New York. The theatrical premiere is slated for February 5, 2014 at the prestigious Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia. "This is an incredibly exciting time, and I'm so proud to be part of this film," said Weekley. "It has developed into an exciting story about how our society now treats children who make many of the same mistakes we did as kids. This is a shocking wakeup call for every parent, teacher, aunt or uncle in the United States." Weekley currently resides in Collegeville, PA and invites his fellow Pikes to learn more about his new film at www.KidsForCashTheMovie.com.

In Memoriam... Daniel Goodman AK 1962

Dan Goodman received his BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Missouri S&T in 1965. He served as VP of AK chapter and was a member of many campus organizations. In 1967 he received his MSEE from Stanford, and PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of New South Wales (Australia) in 1971. Upon returning to the US he was an assistant professor at UMR, receiving Outstanding Teacher Awards in 1972–74. He was a faculty advisor to several organizations including AK and often attended chapter and alumni events. Later teaching positions were in Indiana at Purdue University Calumet and Valparaiso University where he continued to be dedicated to his students. Dan was also active in creating programs which encouraged high school students to explore engineering and science careers and to work co-operatively in problem solving. Dan retired in 2006 and passed away on July 6, 2012.



'04 Pledge Brothers Start Company in Dubai

A group of Spring 2004 pledge brothers start an energy efficiency company in Dubai, UAE to help reduce energy, water, carbon and consumption costs for building owners in the region.

When Charles Blaschke, a Spring 2004 AK pledge, decided to accept a job in Dubai and move around the world to a country he had never visited, many people thought he was crazy. Later again, when he decided to quit a successful UAE based technology consulting startup company that he helped found and build to start a venture of his own, people thought he was crazy. However, Charles took the risk because he knew he would achieve his goal of establishing a successful company aimed to help building owners, operators and tenants reduce their energy and water consumption and related operating costs. It was with the support, help and motivation from Charles' pledge brothers and AK alumni that pushed him throughout these big decisions and ultimately helped him reach his goal.

"Our core group has stuck together since college, doing amazing things individually and together, and I know that without their support every step of the way, takasolutions would have not been possible. This goes from sitting in the office of the Pike house in Rolla in November 2007 and making the decision to pack up and move to Dubai, to starting and now growing takasolutions to be a key part of the energy efficiency market in the UAE. Joel Schrenk and Eric Dixon, both s2k4 pledge brothers, made the move to Dubai for a few years as well, living, working and exploring together at the initial engineering company that brought us over. Although my pledge brothers Phil Schloss and Will Kirby haven't made the move overseas [yet], they have been a key part of our journey along the way, remotely supporting and helping us grow in many ways.

It can be hard to be away from friends, family, KC BBQ and sports, but it has been an amazing, life changing experience that has offered me personal, professional, cultural, world travel and financial opportunities, which would have otherwise not been possible in the US. I would not replace my time here for anything. I make it back to the US about 3 times a year, and when me and the boys gets together, it is even better because we live the year spread around the world. This invaluable experience and the ability to start my own business all began at the AK Pike house and grew from the relationships that were formed and built throughout our time there."

Charles and takasolutions now plan to give this chance to the younger AK generations by starting an internship, co-cop, work-study and part-time support structure targeting undergrads and new graduates. This setup will draw quality, hard working, educated young blood coming into the company with fresh ideas, energy and a chance to grow and lead the company around the world now and into the future. Charles says, "There is not a better group of talent, morals and work ethic anywhere in the world—613 W 9th St produces the highest potential engineers. We need to tap that hidden resource, while providing the guys this unparalleled

opportunity. We are also exploring opening a small branch in the MS&T tech park and having a team on the ground doing work while in school, but first we need to get a few guys over here in the desert paradise to show them what's really going on. We hope that will happen this coming semester, as we are in talks with two brothers to make the move in January for their co-op."

The name comes from the Arabic word "Taqua", meaning "Energy". takasolutions, Energy Solutions.



WHAT WE DO

The core focus of the company is to offer building owners and building operators' energy and cost reductions in their existing building by using Energy Performance Contracts (EPC). EPC is a method for upgrading an asset with no up-front investment to the owner. takasolutions performs all financing, design, implementation and management work on the building. We invest our time and resources and are paid by performance from the money saved by our work.

OUR FUTURE

Our immediate goal at takasolutions is to establish our market presence as a provider of quality energy performance services and financing. To ensure our long term success, our objective is to be a key participant in UAE government policy and regulations regarding EPC and country-wide supply side reduction programs. In the medium term we plan to expand to other markets around the world, including the US while providing renewable supply solutions.

Charles can be reached at charles@takasolutions.com.

Alumni Anecdote

Study Rooms and Open Air Sleeping Dorms in the Old PiKA House

By Rich Laschober

My mind occasionally wanders back to my college years at Rolla. I find myself "zooming in" as one does on Google Maps, quickly passing by the town and the campus and zeroing in on the old house. There it stood with the Greek letters on its roof, different in a good way from all other fraternity houses on campus.

Memories rush in...the good times, the brothers, the camaraderie, the growing up and the old fraternity house. It was not the foyer, the grand first floor living space, the dining room or the chapter room that stood out to me. Its character was defined by the smallish and mundane study rooms and the open-air sleeping dorms. The study room/sleeping dorm design concept still remains a bit of a mystery to me. I never heard a plausible explanation for it. It could have been a popular design trend of the time or, possibly, just some architect's concept come to reality.

Two and three-man study rooms were located throughout each floor of the house, from the basement level up through the third floor. They were small rooms with cubbyholes for closets and only enough floor space for a pathway to desks and dressers. Desks were topped out with individualized shelving units referred to as "study machines", underlining the purpose of the room.

The absence of beds in the study rooms was a purposeful part of the design and is the feature that sticks most in my mind. Pledges and actives alike were required by house rules to sleep in the common open-air sleeping dorms, regardless of temperature and atmospheric



This is a picture of the old house that was sketched with just pen and ink by Brother James (Jim) L. Bechtel's mother, a commercial artist, in the 1968-1969 time frame as she sat in the front yard of the PiKA house.

conditions. I was told that the open-air aspect of the dorms had something to do with the number and type of occupancy, the type of construction and the dictate of the local health department.

Wake-up boards were an integral component of the sleeping dorms. They were located outside of each dorm room, allowing each occupant to individualize his wake-up time. Wake-up boards addressed the fact that the use of alarm clocks was not a viable option.

The final and most critical element to the smooth operation of the sleeping dorms was the individual pledge on wake-up duty. He made rounds of the sleeping dorms on fifteen minute intervals, waking those scheduled for wake-up while allowing late risers to continue in their sleep to a future wake-up round. The pledge began his duty in the basement sleeping dorm, working his way up through the third floor. He repeated the cycle each quarter hour. After an hour he was relieved by a fellow pledge brother.

Pledges were given special wake-up duty instructions at the beginning of their pledge period. They were expected to be diligent in waking individuals for it was important business. The wake-up technique entailed the placement of hands on the shoulders and the driving of shoulders into the mattress in repeated sharp thrusts. This sanctioned method of waking individuals from a deep sleep empowered the pledges with discretionary powers governed by "the end justifying the means". Conversely, pledges were sure to pay a penalty for failing to wake an active for an early morning exam.

Of course, what goes around comes around, for I was also on the receiving end of a pledge grabbing my shoulders and shoving me into my mattress. "Hey! What the....."

In the dead of a Missouri winter, sleeping in an open-air dorm could be refreshingly miserable. Sub-freezing temperatures outside meant near freezing conditions inside. I slept under several layers of blankets with only my nose exposed to the frigid air. I desired the capability to remain in bed without interruption until wake-up time, as exiting the bed in the middle of a freezing winter's night to visit the head was a miserable experience. I usually lost this battle.

Cramming for an exam late into the night occasionally afforded the opportunity to fall asleep on the hardwood floor of my warm study room, providing respite from the frigid sleeping dorm. Mind you that sleeping in a study room made one subject to fine. Occasionally I observed snow entering the confines of the sleeping dorm. Only blowing rain provided a legitimate excuse for closing the dorm windows.

The sleeping dorm experience was not always so grim, however. Fall and spring seasons offered great opportunities for open-air sleeping. Memories of sleeping late into the morning and the smell of freshly baked bread permeating the dorm from the bakery across the way are priceless, like heaven on earth.

Summer Retreat

This summer Brother Landers was the Pike house summer manager. Normal upkeep and maintenance was performed in order to be ready for the new semester beginning in August.

To start off the summer the house was deep cleaned. The deep cleaning included scrubbing the tile with abrasive cleaners, using metal polish and brightener on all metal in the house, and throwing away all left over trash and furniture from the school year. With the basic tasks out of the way, quotes were requested from vendors to reseal the parking lot, place new carpet throughout the house, and replace a broken flag pole. New common room furniture was purchased which creates a new look.

All rooms with tile were waxed and prepped for the start of school year.

Replacing dead shrubs/trees along with new mulch adds much needed curb appeal. Walls and ceilings were repainted and patched to remove nicks and imperfections. Wolf hall was waxed and banners were steam cleaned for a fresh/clean look.

All concrete was pressure washed and basic lawn maintenance was performed.

Summer work was a success thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the summer workers.



Pictured is the new furniture from the summer renovations of 2013. Members of the Active Chapter are thrilled to have such comfy new furniture.

LEFT: Pictured are the new couches that were bought during the summer maintenance. As you can see, the new dark brown couches look much better than the old tan leather couches.

House Corporation

Summer Maintenance

The House Corporation is responsible for insuring a safe, comfortable living environment for the Chapter, and works diligently to provide adequate resources to maintain the House in a "like new" condition. The House Corporation works closely with the House Manager during the school year, and also identifies opportunities for improvements during summer breaks. The House Corporation has also decided that the Summer House Manager position should become more formalized and thus drafted a job description and interviewed prospective candidates for the position. Brother Keith Landers was hired to perform the summer work identified by the House Corporation. Keith was responsible for hiring other brothers to assist him with general work activities, such as clean-up, furniture moving, and floor waxing, along with other miscellaneous activities. Keith also solicited and hired vendors and subcontractors, to execute specialty type work activities.

Over the summer, significant work activities were accomplished. A new flagpole was delivered and installed after the existing flagpole was damaged during inclement weather. New furniture was installed in the Pool Room and the TV Room. New carpet was laid throughout the House. The parking lot was resealed and striped. The lawn mower was repaired, and landscape maintenance was performed. A new contract was issued for regularly scheduled HVAC maintenance. Window balancers were replaced in 29 windows. Leaks were repaired and some store room floors received waterproof coatings. Damaged walls and ceilings were repaired and painted, along with various other activities. These summer work activities contributed to a successful start to the Chapter's fall semester.

Our work continues, The House Corporation recently authorized the expenditure to install new hardware for the security system, as well as add three high resolution cameras for additional surveillance of the

parking lot. The House Corporation has also solicited proposals for two additional trophy cases to be located between the Grand Hall and the Living Room as well as adding a pair of oak doors between the Grand Hall and the Pool Room so that the public area may be closed off from the living spaces, when necessary. Fall House Manager Ryan Paul, with House Corporation approval, is also investigating the requirements for a customized desk for the SMC's office.

The communication and cooperation between the House Corporation and the Chapter will continue to provide a productive environment for many future successes.



Announcements

2014 Founder's Day Schedule Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Please consider this schedule of times to be tentative.
We will have a much more accurate schedule of events for
this weekend going out at the beginning of next semester.
For further information contact SMC Ryan Paul at
ryan.paul@mail.mst.edu.

Friday, February 28th

All Day Open House

Saturday, March 1st

All Day Open House

9:00 a.m. Educational Foundation Meeting
(at Chapter house in the conference room)

10:00 a.m. House Corporation Meeting
(at Chapter house in the conference room)

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker

**Times are tentative. A finalized schedule will be sent closer to the event.*

Sunday, March 2nd

All Day Open House

We'll see you at
Founder's Day!

Please help the active chapter update the alumni database by either filling out the "Alumni Update" below, or by contacting Justin Vance at jpvdmmb@mst.edu. This information is not given to us by the University, and must be obtained in another way. Thank you for your time.

Alumni Update

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

Name _____

Address _____

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

☐ I am interested in receiving the *Kapers* digitally

History Book

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

☐ I have already received my copy

☐ Please send me a copy

Founder's Day 2014

Alpha Kappa will be holding a lunch during Founder's Day. Please let the Chapter know if you plan to attend.

☐ I will be attending Founder's Day 2014

☐ I may be attending Founder's Day 2014

☐ I will not be attending Founder's Day 2014



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