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The Academy in Memphis, Tennessee is where Alpha Kappa's next journey began. 9 members, including 2 alumnus, made the drive down to attend the leadership summit. Throughout the 3 days spent there, we attended sessions learning about everything from social media etiquette to the ritual and the values Pike was founded on. The conclusion of the weekend, as always, was the Smythe awards banquet where the major awards were given out. Coming into this banquet, we had already been awarded a scholarship plate, 100+ man chapter award, international work day award, an award for our alumni advisory board, and the Raymond L. Orians Excellence award. Those awards we were proud of; however, we were all still striving toward the biggest award, the Robert Adger Smythe Award. As they started the presentation we all grew anxious, waiting to hear our name called. Luckily we did not have to wait too long, as they called on Alpha Kappa second and we converged to center stage to receive our Smythe. This year was Alpha Kappa's 12th straight Smythe, as well as the 24th overall. We know that there is no better feeling than when the culmination of the work put in the past year pays off and is rewarded with a Smythe. This is what drives Alpha Kappa every year, and it is what builds the fire inside of us to strive for greatness once again.

Rush for Alpha Kappa was, once again, a strong point of our chapter. With the guidance of Rob Pearson (AK '13) as rush director, Alpha Kappa signed and brought in 30 quality men. The motto for rush is "Most Best Men" and I firmly believe that we met that standard this year. I see a very bright future for these young men as they make their way through their college years, both on campus and within the walls of 613 West 9th. Their strong foundation laid with the care and direction of Logan Fitch (AK '13). Logan was assisted by Tyler Ferrell (AK '14), and Jonah Walker (AK '13). Logan, Tyler, and Jonah really made great efforts in teaching our new members the qualities that make up a great gentlemen, and also defined a culture of hard work. With those lessons in mind, there is nothing that can stop this pledge class from leading this house to further greatness.

One of the biggest events of the semester was the celebration of the 110th anniversary of Alpha Kappa's chartering. The last weekend of September was spent in Rolla at the chapter house as well as the new Hasselmann Alumni House. More than 60 alumni came into town to celebrate with the alumni. We could not have pulled off the event without the help of Bob Brockhaus, housing corporation president, and Charlie Klumb, the alumni association president. There were luncheons both Saturday and Sunday that brought everyone together to honor some very prestigious brothers. On Saturday we had the Chancellor of S&T as well as the mayor of Rolla over to speak. On Sunday we had the Pike regional president, Larry Eby, in to talk to us as well. I really enjoyed hanging out with all the alumni and reminiscing

about their days in the house.

Also in September, Alpha Kappa was able to call themselves Greek Week champions once again. This year, the path to victory was led by Scott Schroer (AK '14), our special events chair. He put in countless hours of hard work and planning in preparation so that all that we needed to do was execute and execute we did. When it was all said and done, we won by 86 points. This margin of victory is the largest in recent memory. It is also the first time since the years of 2009 and 2010 that Alpha Kappa can say they are back to back champions. The homecoming competition format was changed this year but we did not waver. In the only event outside of Homecoming royalty, the float completion, we received 1st place. In royalty, our king Nick McGraw (AK '12) got 3rd place and our queen Abbey Herbst (Chi Omega) placed 2nd. Overall we won the competition.

In November, 39 men traveled to Kansas City for the Pike University leadership summit. There, new members and actives alike, attended sessions about bettering themselves as well as bettering their chapters and their communities. Time was also spent networking with men from other chapters and continuing to grow the fraternal experience we all have.

The chapter was once again strong, and was able to handle whatever was thrown at it, but we would not be able to be where we are without the continued support of our alumni, both local and nationally. Also the undying support and dedication of our chapter advisor, Chris Ramsay, is a major help to the success of the chapter. We continue working closely with the housing corporation, alumni association, and educational foundation. We are also in the process of reformatting our young alumni advisory board so that they can effectively work with the chapter whenever we need them.

As we continue on into the Spring semester of 2016, the chapter appears stronger than ever, and destined to uphold the tradition laid before it. We will look to continue the dynasty of our Smythe run. Through the hard work and effort put in, I see no reason why we won't be able to. I would like to thank everyone who has made it possible to get to the point our chapter is at. I have enjoyed my semester in the office, but it is once again time for someone else to step up and take this amazing opportunity of leading a great chapter. May each and every successor be better than the last, which is how Alpha Kappa has been so traditionally strong and will continue to be.

Forever in the bonds,
Erik Schou (AK '13)
SMC, Fall 2015



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A Note from Our Chapter Advisor

The sun was warm on my back as I sat there at the table studying mechanics of materials. A breeze made its way up the hundred or so yards along the path from the river between the big trees. Surrounded by green and getting ready for a final exam a few days off I concentrated on engineering mechanics. Looking up and across the yard, I could see my friend who had been working on his old tractor for hours. It was an old Ford 8N, and it didn't get enough use to stay in very good working order. The old 6-volt system just would not turn the crank well enough to start the tractor unless the rest of the engine was in top shape. And, of course, the tractor had been sitting through yet another cold Missouri winter. I owned a tractor like that for a couple of years; and spent more time working on it than using it. He would holler down to me to come up and help try to start it from time to time. I'd sit in the seat with the transmission in neutral, the clutch pushed all the way down, and crank. He squirted starting fluid in the carburetor and tinkered with it. No luck. Back to the basics; fuel, air, ignition, something just wanted to be elusive. I went back to my notes; he would tinker with something else on the old engine. We would try again and again to get it started. About 4:00 in the afternoon we were both spent. I'd worked about as many engineering mechanics problems as I could stand for the day, he'd had just about all of that old tractor he could stand for the day — we went home. And; no, it never did start, not that day.

Months later, it was the end of the semester and time to give the foundry a good cleaning. I started one morning; my friend came to join me. He had other work to do in his office; grading final exams, recording and finalizing grades for the semester, but he joined me in the foundry anyway. We cleaned and cleaned. Foundries get very dirty and produce a dust that is both tenacious and nasty. By the time we got the place in good shape we both had sand in our shoes; were gritty, dirty, and coated with a black/gray film of sweat and dirt. We got the job done. It felt good to work with our hands and immediately see the results of our effort. We did little more than show up and get a job done. It was a great day.

Years later, we were out at the cabin with a few of the boys, pumping air into and patching inner tubes. Making ready for the start of the semester float trip. The following day found the two of us sitting in lawn chairs, drinking a cold beverage — I think I was smoking a cigar. We expected the boys to show up for the float trip shortly; and, of course they did show up right on time. That is, right on "Pike time". We walked them down to the river and they jumped in the Gasconade. He yelled, "Don't dive in the water!" so naturally, the SMC dove into the water head first. Back in our lawn chairs outside of the cabin in hot August Missouri we visited. I cannot recall what we talked about, and it doesn't matter. I remember how I felt. I was wasting time, waiting on the boys to finish the float trip, with a man who I admired, a man who I emulated, a man who was my friend and my Brother. Wasting time is not always wasted time.

From time to time we would go back to the river with the square sterned canoe. Head up river with the little 5 hp engine then float back down and fish. We would stop at our favorite bar (gravel bar that is) for a sandwich lunch. Debate whether or not we should float past Jerome on down to the cabin. It was always a debate because if the little boat motor wouldn't start we would be stranded there, a couple of miles down river from the truck. We pretty much always reached the same conclusion to our debate, we'd go on down to the cabin. I don't ever remember getting stranded.

Years later I returned to the river — alone. I'd drive on down the dirt and gravel road past the turn off to the cabin and on to the ford where it stopped at the water. The place where we met the boys to pull them out of the river at the end of their float trip. I'd walk up the river a couple of hundred yards and work myself back to the ford; fishing, wading in the water, looking for someone who I knew I would not see, not in this world that is. Something about being in the place he so loved, doing the kind of things he loved to do, gave me comfort. You see I had lost my friend to heart disease and the stress brought on by terrible tragedy. I was alone in that place, but with him never the less.

Little insignificant stories. Not even stories, just memories. Wasting time is not always wasted time. Friends so close that there is no need to find something to talk about. Silence is ok. Conversations came with ease; about the big stuff, about practically nothing at all. Just showing up says volumes and speaks in a language we don't really understand but we gain understanding from it all the same.

And now, you have put my image in bronze up on the same wall I look at every time I walk into the Chapter room. I look for my friend in that bronze plaque; of course he is not there, but his image reminds me of all that time of just showing up.

You all have honored me far beyond anything I could ever deserve. I am so very grateful that you put my image in bronze on the same wall as two exceptional men. By the way, two very handsome good-looking men are on that wall, I guess we need an ugly one to balance out — I'm happy to serve.

My friend once said, in a very difficult, stressful, and tragic time, "just remember phi phi kappa alpha, and we will all be just fine". He was right. I've grown to know that there is truth in our lives and that phi phi kappa alpha is a truth that will never fail any of us.

Gratefully in phi phi kappa alpha,
I am your friendly neighborhood chapter advisor,

Ramsay



Chris Ramsay
Chapter Advisor



Academy Victory!

It has become somewhat of an expectation. Every summer in early August, the brothers of Alpha Kappa begin texting and calling around asking, "Did we win?" This year was no exception, as late on August 1st the questions began to fly around asking about the Smythe Awards. A few days earlier, Brothers Erik Schou (AK '13), Tyler Jaegers (AK '13), Zach Farniok (AK '14), Scott Schroer (AK '14), and Will Wyne (AK '14) arrived in Memphis, Tennessee to represent Alpha Kappa at the 2015 Academy. It was the beginning of something special. Even from the get go, Alpha Kappa began winning. As the brothers attended seminars learning about the fraternity and how to continue its success, it became evident that the brothers of Alpha Kappa had accomplished great things this past year. Early on, Alpha Kappa was awarded the Scholarship Plate for outstanding achievement in the class room, the 100 Man Chapter Award for continued recruitment success, the 25 Man Pike U Commitment Recognition for sending over twenty-five men to Pike U in the previous year, and the

International Work Day Award for the chapter's efforts in improving the chapter house. Half way through the Academy, Alpha Kappa was doing very well. A goal that was set early in the year was to improve the chapter's programming. Through the members' great effort, Alpha Kappa was able to walk away with the Omega Fi Reporting Programming Award. However, this shows that there is still room for improvement, and AK Pikes are up for the challenge. Still weighing heavy on the entire chapter's mind was the Smythe Awards. Saturday finally came, and the anticipation was at its climax. Alpha Kappa was presented yet another Raymond L. Orians Excellence Award. Only the "excellent" chapters are eligible for the coveted Robert Adger Smythe Award, so this was a great success for the chapter. Suddenly the lights were dimmed, the music began to play, and the Smythe Awards were brought into the room. With Alpha Kappa on edge, this was finally the moment. All of the work the chapter had put in over the year would come down to this. Alpha Kappa did not wait long, as the second Smythe of the night was awarded to the brothers of Alpha Kappa, the chapter's 24th Robert Adger Smythe Award. This year also extended the streak of

consecutive Smythe Awards to 12. Though the bar has been set extremely high, it is apparent that the men of Alpha Kappa are willing to do what it takes, year after year, to be the best.

PHOTO:

Scott Schroer (AK '14), Zach Farniok (AK '14), Erik Schou (AK '13), Tyler Jaegers (AK '13), and Will Wyne (AK '14) traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to attend The Academy.

Awards Received

Robert Adger Smythe Award

Raymond L. Orians Excellence Award

100+ Man Chapter Award

Pike University 25 Man Commitment Award

Scholarship Plate

Programming Award

International Work Day



Homecoming 2015

PHOTO:

Nick McGraw (AK '12) and Abby Herbst representing Alpha Kappa during the Homecoming Parade.

The Alpha Kappa chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha went into Homecoming strong this year looking to continue our recent dominance, and did just that during the Homecoming festivities. We were faced with a change in format this year with new opportunities to blow away the competition. Rather than prepare a yard display, each house and student organization was to create a float to show all of campus during a parade. With wood, hay, and pumpkins, topped with our Homecoming Court representatives, Alpha Kappa erected an award-winning cornucopia that was larger than life! We selected Abbey Herbst, a Vice President of Chi

Omega, and Nick McGraw (AK '12) to represent our chapter in the running for Homecoming King and Queen. They were scored on campus involvement, attendance, and interview ratings. Miss Herbst took third and Brother McGraw took second, yielding a house victory! With a first place victory in the float competition and court running, it was yet again, another successful homecoming for Pi Kappa Alpha's Alpha Kappa chapter. A special thanks is in order to Scott Schroer (AK '14), Caleb Fricano (AK '14), David Rall (AK '14), Jonathan Vogel (AK '13), Drew Pfyl (AK '13), the new members, and of course our King and Queen nominees!



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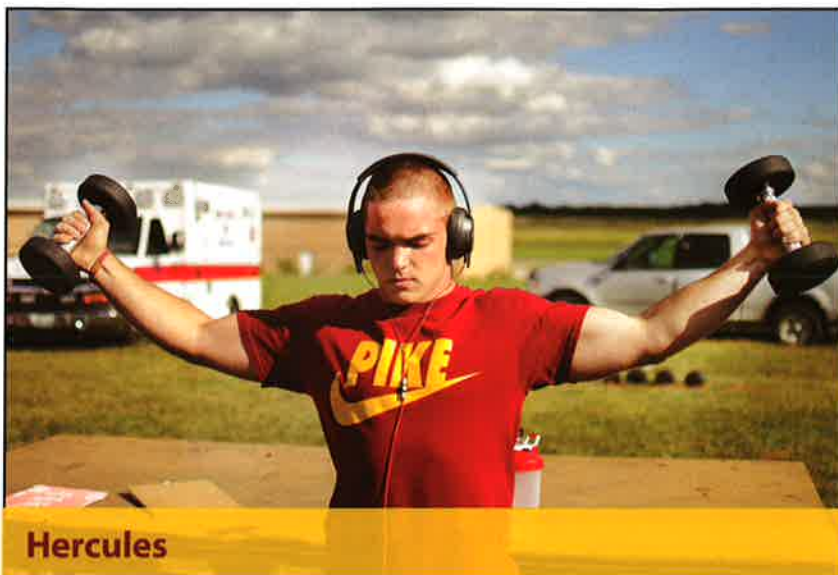
WEEK

This year Alpha Kappa picked up right where we left off from last year's Greek Week, cementing our 2nd straight championship, as well as our 8th in the last decade. Greek Week is a competition comprised of a series of participation events, design competitions, and athletic events where all fraternities on campus vie for the top spot. From the start, Alpha Kappa was dominant in every way, shape, and form by demonstrating superior athletics and craftsmanship. This year Scott Schroer (AK '14) had the honor and privilege of organizing and directing Greek Week with the help of various sub-committees. From day one of the semester, Alpha Kappa could be seen hard at work preparing for Greek Week through practices and committee meetings. This preparedness showed as Alpha Kappa won nine of the thirteen athletic events including basketball, dodgeball, soccer, and tug of war. This superiority was made in part to Alpha Kappa's abundance of athletic talent, pulling from athletes of every age in the house. Many new guys helped to achieve this triumphant victory; new member Thomas Himmelberg (AK '15) was a fixture in

both basketball and soccer, allowing zero goals in the entire soccer tournament. Thomas hopes to continue his role in future Greek Week competition and intramurals. In addition to the superiority demonstrated in athletics, Alpha Kappa also displayed its arts side. Zach Tuhoski (AK '13) painted Pike's banner which took first place among all fraternities. Overall Greek Week was a huge success for the Alpha Kappa Chapter. This success would not be possible without the hard work of Adam McDonnell (AK '11), Erik Schou (AK '13), Zach Tuhoski (AK '13), Jon Vogel (AK '13), Drew Pfyl (AK '13), Caleb Fricano (AK '14), and David Rall (AK '14). Alpha Kappa looks forward to continuing its success and dominance into next year and winning our 3rd consecutive championship.

PHOTO:

Collin Renth (AK '15), Dominick Parker (AK '15), Andrew Wade (AK '15), Kirby Phillips (AK '14), and Troy Kahle (AK '15) during Chariot Race.



Hercules

Hercules is a strong man type event, which includes 12 events spread out over the 8 days of Greek Week. "For the last two years I've been given the privilege of participating in this event for Pi Kappa Alpha. It's truly an honor, and I greatly appreciate the support that my brothers give me. I may have taken second both years, but I beat Kappa Sig, so that's what matters, right?" says Mike Barnett (AK '14).

PHOTOS:

ABOVE: Mike Barnett (AK '14) showing complete dominance by taking 1st place in the crucifix hold. RIGHT: Brother Scott Schroer (AK '14) raising the trophy after winning Greek Week.



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IFC Junior and Baby Rep



Pi Kappa Alpha's strong presence in the Interfraternity Council continues this year through representatives Joshua Mefford (AK '13) and Drake Rivera (AK '14). Brother Mefford finished his junior rep year where he served as fields chair; he was responsible for all reservations and preparations for locations of the Greek events. He was recently elected to Public Relations chair where he will work to maintain and improve IFC's image to campus and the community. Brother Rivera will be this year's Greek Week chair, with responsibilities including all preparations for the 2016 Greek Week competition. Through this position he hopes to work towards Vice President of Programing.

PHOTO:

Drake Rivera (AK '14), left, and Joshua Mefford (AK '13) serve as this year's representatives.



Club Baseball Team

As the President of the Missouri S&T Club Baseball team, I manage a team filled with men eager to better themselves in a sport they have loved playing their entire life. Including myself, there are currently 12 Pikes playing for the club baseball team. The various jobs I do as the President for the team include scheduling games, scheduling practices, contacting officials, ordering and distributing equipment, managing the roster, reserving hotel rooms, and overseeing duties of the fellow officers. This is my third year representing the Missouri S&T Club Baseball team, and I have enjoyed every second of it. Our team gets to venture to other colleges and meet students, some even Pikes, in the league we play in. The upcoming season begins with our first series against Northwest Missouri State on March 5th, 2016. I am truly excited for this upcoming season. I cannot wait to play the sport that I have loved my entire life with some new faces and the men I call my Brothers!

WRITTEN BY:
Ty Thompson (AK '14)

Brothers Travel Borderlessly

Two brothers, Zach Farniok (AK '14) and Will Wyne (AK '14), were given the opportunity to travel to Guatemala to represent Missouri S&T's Engineers Without Borders chapter this past August. Zach is a junior in Mechanical Engineering, who was on co-op this past semester with GE Aviation. Will is a senior in Mechanical Engineering, who served the chapter as secretary this past semester. Both brothers worked tirelessly before the trip by planning and organizing many stages in the water distribution system, which they eventually implemented into the Guatemalan community. The project is the largest in Engineers Without Borders' history, and has been in the works since 2008 (some other brothers surely had a hand in it!). While in the country the team assessed the current state of the system, added onto the existing pipeline, and learned about the history and culture of Guatemala. By the end of the trip, both brothers were exposed to countless new experiences, and had acquired memories to last a lifetime.



PHOTO:
Zach Farniok (AK '14) and Will Wyne (AK '14) heading to work in Guatemala.

SUB

Being involved on campus allows you to network with other students from many different backgrounds, and show other students that PIKE is interested in what is going on in campus. This past semester I was a Student Union Board Director. While holding this position, I was able to have a say in what was going to happen on campus. The Student Union Board is the largest programming board on campus, which means we organize all of the fun activities. This organization brings the students everything from movies, to concerts, or even pumpkin carving. I am personally the director of the Performing and Diversity Arts committee. With that, I organize many different small acoustic concerts, as well as a variety of other events including trivia night, and a one-man talent show.

One of my favorite events I put on was during Opening Week. A very talented man by the name of Chris Cauley performed an acoustic concert in Havener's Atrium. For that particular concert, I had to do a lot to make sure everything ran smoothly. I had to make sure that the contract was signed and the room reservation was booked. I also had to coordinate with Student Union Board's light and sound director to make sure the sound system was set up to the artist's liking. Since this was my first event it seemed a bit overwhelming, but with the help of two brothers that also used to be the Performing and Diversity Arts director, I was able to run the concert smoothly.

I enjoy being a Student Union Board director because I am able to give students a break from school, and give them a chance to relax and enjoy themselves. All the hard work of event planning really pays off when you see the people at the event enjoying themselves.

WRITTEN BY:
Joshua Giancola

Pikes Help Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

The weekend of October 2-4, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha brought roughly 80 people to St. Louis to volunteer at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) 1 mile, and 5k walk. This event is held every year, and for many years we have donated our time to make the event great. We started Saturday morning by setting up the booths, common areas, and preparing the route. The members work very hard setting up hundreds of tables and chairs, and getting food and water ready for the participants. Sunday morning we were given individual tasks

such as manning certain booths, or directing walkers throughout the route. After the event, we were tasked with breaking down all the tables and booths before departing home. Keeping contact with the representatives is the next step to further improve our participation with the JDRF event. As community service chairman, it was my responsibility to choose two MVP's, one active member



and one new member, that I believed worked the hardest to benefit JDRF. I chose brother Dylan Parker (AK '14), and Andrew Pavlik (AK '15). We enjoyed this event because it helps a great cause, and we get to spend time with our brothers all weekend.

Pikes Return to Clean Up YMCA Camp

Over the Weekend of December 5th and 6th, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha attended our second service trip this semester. We were cleaning the grounds of the YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, Missouri; clearing brush, mulching, and raking leaves. We brought down around 55 members for this service trip. We have been going to the YMCA Trout Lodge for this service trip once every semester for the past few years. We enjoy this trip because the grounds are great and the camp crew is always great to us. The best part

is that after all the work is done for the day, we can hang around the fire with our brothers and tell stories of our times in this great fraternity. The hard work we put into helping out around Potosi is greatly appreciated by the entire camp and we cannot wait until the next semester when we can return and continue to donate our service.



PHOTO:
Over 40 Alpha Kappa members provided their service this semester at the YMCA Camp in Potosi, MO.



PHOTO:
Luke Mathews (AK '15) and Joe Early (AK '15) having fun at Linking Hearts.

Linking Hearts Charity Event

Linking Hearts charity event this year was held on the Friday before closing games, September 19th, of Greek week. This charity helps kids in foster homes and adoption agencies find permanent homes and families. For Linking Hearts, all the Fraternities and Sororities put on a carnival for the children. Our carnival consisted of eight different games for the kids; pie a pike, football toss, a basketball game, a softball game, a water gun game, a prize wheel, a lawn dart bulls-eye game, a plinko disk drop game, and a lot of candy and prizes as rewards for the kids. We went around the house and organized a small group of energetic and fun members to work the games with the sole task to make the day the most fun for all the kids. We may have only taken third in the event, but we gave the kids a great carnival and had a lot of fun while doing it.

CRAWFISH Broil



This semester, Alpha Kappa hosted its second annual Cycle for Life Crawfish Boil. Our chapter raised over \$3,500, which was donated for the research of Leukemia, Lymphoma, and Melanoma. We have teamed up with 129 chapters nationwide to honor a fallen brother of Pi Kappa Alpha, who passed away in his fight against Leukemia.

With numerous Alumni and family in town for Homecoming weekend, we had an exceptionally successful event. We also had many fans from the football game come over to the house after the win to enjoy ample amounts of crawfish, corn on the cob, and potatoes. With this being our second Crawfish Boil, we were able to put what we learned last year into effect and made this year even more successful than the last. We plan to keep learning more and more each year so we can continue to improve on the previous year.



PHOTOS:

TOP: The Active Members and families lining up to eat crawfish. BOTTOM: Dylan Holdenried (AK '14) preparing and serving the crawfish.



Sack Lunch-A-Thon

November 18, the men of Alpha Kappa were able to conclude the Sack Lunch-a-thon for this year. This annual fall fundraiser is used to benefit the Friday Back Pack Program. The fundraiser works by obtaining sack lunch orders from businesses around the Rolla community that will then be created and delivered on a specified date. The Sack Lunch-a-thon was a huge success this year. With almost 200 orders, we were able to raise nearly \$1,000 while strengthening Alpha Kappa's ties with the community. Many businesses were more than happy to make generous donations and promise to continue giving orders in the following semesters. This shows the impact Alpha Kappa has not only in our community but also more importantly, the impact we can make on the less fortunate.



PHOTO:

Brothers Grant Husman (AK '15), Keegan Kendrick (AK '13), Chuck Kelley (AK '13), Danny Moeller (AK '15), and Joe Early (AK '15) preparing for the Sack Lunch-a-thon.

AK Dominates!

This semester in Intramurals Alpha Kappa is, yet again, dominating the field of play. This semester started off strong with the brothers winning the kickball tournament. The team dominated all their games winning the tournament with ease. Then, in the coming weeks, the brothers played in ultimate frisbee and a one day golf tournament.

Our golf team was composed of brothers Levi Gotto (AK'15) and James Kvesic (AK'14). The tournament was held Labor Day weekend and the weather was nice. The two men played well hitting a combined 35 on the Rolla course. This, unfortunately, was 2 over the first place finish of 33 coming from Kappa Sigma.

The Ultimate Frisbee team came out of the gates hard and fast winning their first game 10-1 against Sou Tow Pen Hou. This, however, did not translate to the next game where they fell to CCF 10-3. The team did not hang their heads though; they went into their final regular season game and won a hard fought game against the Gnomes 4-0. The team advanced to the winners bracket and started off playing Delta Sig's A team in the first round. The game went through regulation and unfortunately the team lost 7-6. This loss ended the intramural season of Ultimate, however, the brothers rallied and took the same team to the Greek Week championship and won.

Following the ultimate frisbee season, there was floor hockey. Pikes won their first two games handily 8-2 and 15-1. This impressive play met a strong team in the third and final game of the regular season. The brothers played hard but came up short losing to League of Shadows 6-3. This did not dash their playoff hopes though. They played Sigma Nu in the first round. The game was low scoring and sadly Pikes lost 2-1.

Softball was the next sport to come in the semester. The season started off with a win against the Hooligans team 11-6. The following game Pikes played Kappa Sigma. The game started with Pikes taking a strong lead. This lead lasted the brothers until the third inning when Kappa Sigma hit a long ball that scored three. The brothers rallied and ended up winning the game 17-16. The third game of the season was not as high scoring as the previous, but unfortunately Pikes lost to Sigma Nu 5-2. The team had played strong the first two games so they were sent to the Gold bracket where they dominated Lambda Chi Alpha in the first game winning 17-0. The next game was much closer, though. The team had a slow start allowing The Naturals to score a few points, but they came back strong and won the game 10-7. This advanced the team to the semi-finals where they played Sigma Phi Epsilon. The game was a slug-fest with each team having 3+ home runs. Pikes ended the game on top, winning 16-13. Pikes played fast and hard in the championship and after a 4-inning mercy rule Pikes won the championship 16-6.



The next sport to come in the season was football, which Pikes came out and dominated in the regular season. The team won every game by no less than 20 points. This strong performance gave the team a lot of confidence going into playoffs with a first round bye. Game time rolled around and both teams were ready and played hard. This forced overtime where Pikes A took the early lead by scoring first, but then it was CCF's turn. They drove down the field and scored and, sadly, Pikes lost by one after the successful 2 point conversion.

After the disappointment of football, Pikes was ready to move on to Volleyball. The team is currently in season and dominating all competition. They have high hopes for their season though after their first place finish last year. Intramural Chairman, Tyler Ferrell (AK'14), is confident that at the end of the semester Alpha Kappa will hold a strong first place over the competition.

Brotherhood Week

This fall for brotherhood week, we had a fantastic turnout. On Monday night, we had our regular chapter meeting. On Tuesday night, we hosted a FIFA tournament with a double elimination bracket style. This event had the largest turnout of the week, mainly because almost all of the members of our house are sticklers for FIFA. Naturally, since we are Pikes, we enjoyed the competition among us. On Wednesday, we put on a relatively small, but still very successful poker night. The following night, our chapter hosted a trivia night, which tested our brothers' knowledge from three different categories of questions. Throughout the semester, we also got together in the TV room to watch playoff baseball games, play whiffle ball out in the yard, and participate in many other events with our brothers. Also, on October 30th, we had our Grellners Tour. Everyone who was 21 and older got together and went out to the Grellner Beer Distributor, where we had a nice tour of their facility. Overall, I enjoyed having the opportunity this semester to hold the position of brotherhood chair. I was very satisfied of having the



opportunity to bring the active chapter together and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Written by: Anthony Betcher (AK '14)

PHOTO:

David Murphy (AK '15) pitching to Corey Jolitz (AK '15) during a whiffle ball game.

Petroleum Engineering Pikes Visit Malaysia

In the fall of 2015, three of Alpha Kappa's members studied abroad in the country of Malaysia. Brothers, Zachary Duran (AK '13), Connor Kirtley (AK '13) and Jonathon Schliem (AK '13), all Petroleum Engineers attended the Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) located in Seri Iskandar, Malaysia. The three attended UTP along with four other students from Missouri S&T.

"We made sure to schedule our classes so that our Fridays would be completely free", comments Kirtley. With an extra day for travel on the weekend, the group was able to travel to several different locations and countries including Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and Indonesia. The AK members also spent an extended weekend hiking through the jungles of Pahang. The indigenous Malaysians offered them housing during their journey through the jungle.

The Pikes participated in a number of exciting events. One weekend the three split up for their own adventures with brother Duran visiting a Tiger Sanctuary in Phuket, Thailand, brother Schliem attending a Taylor Swift concert in Singapore and brother Kirtley backpacking through Vietnam where he summited Mt. Fansipan.



"We've met a lot of people, we've made a lot of friends; we've had adventures, ordeals and celebrations but we're looking forward to seeing our brothers and the rest of the AK Pikes next semester" —Duran, Kirtley and Schliem.

PHOTO:

Jonathon Schliem (AK '13) attending one of the local wedding ceremonies in Malaysia.



Pike U

This Fall, the brothers of the Alpha Kappa chapter sent 39 members to Pike University in Kansas City, Missouri. All 27 new initiates, along with 12 other active members attended this event to further their knowledge of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Every member was able to attend sessions that covered the topics of recruitment, marketing and communication, chapter operations, health, and Pi Kappa Alpha Ritual. Each session expanded on some of the information that pledge educator, Logan Fitch (AK '13), taught to the Fall 2015 pledge class.

Alpha Kappa's chapter advisor, Chris Ramsay, spoke on the Ritual of our Fraternity, and as always, his eloquent speaking provided for a very effective and informative session.

On the evening of the last day of Pike University, the program ended with a dinner and an award presentation ceremony. This year, we congratulated four of our brothers who were awarded for their continuous attendance at Pike U's throughout their time in the Fraternity. Brothers Rob Pearson (AK '13), Joshua Mefford (AK '13), and Zachary Farniok (AK '14) were awarded with Garnet status for attending their third Pike University, and brother Erik Schou (AK '13) was awarded the gold status for attending his fifth. The Alpha Kappa Chapter will continue to encourage its members to attend Pike Universities in order to help bring our chapter to new heights.

PHOTO:

This year, 39 members of Alpha Kappa chapter attended Pike University in Kansas City, MO.

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The Legacy



Fall 2015 proved to be a very successful rush class for Alpha Kappa. Led by Director of Recruitment, Robert Pearson, the recruitment committee was able to successfully sign 30 new members into our beloved Fraternity. Brother Pearson used many tactics handed down from previous Directors Logan Fitch (AK '13) and Tyler Jaegers (AK '14). Some of these tactics include but are not limited to, cold calls, Cardinals baseball recruitment event, and participating in freshmen registration day booths. Ensuring the future of recruitment is a must, which means training of new members is of the upmost importance. Assigning older members of the committee to a new member is a great training process implemented by Brother Pearson to continue our chapter's dominance in recruiting. This training process helped the committee train newly initiated Brothers Kirby Phillips (AK '14) and Michael Barnett (AK '14), which were key assets going into summer recruitment.

Many of the young men that joined Alpha Kappa this year were strong varsity athletes from high school, many of which went to state for their sport during their senior year. Among these athletes are many scholars as well, who have received honors for their achievements throughout high school. Some members of the fall pledge class wish to continue their athletic career

by playing varsity for Missouri S&T. This new pledge class hopes to bring their leadership qualities from high school to Alpha Kappa, and continue this chapter's excellence in producing strong leaders. Among this pledge class are two legacies, Kyle Schnell and Austin Powell. Kyle Schnell wishes to work his way into an executive position like his father, William Schnell (AK '78). Austin Powell is following in the tracks of his father, Pierre Powell (AK '78), by his enrollment in Air Force ROTC.

Director of Recruitment, Thomas Bucinski (AK '14), would like to thank the alumnus and alumni board for their support and recommendations throughout each year. We wish to continue our excellence in recruitment, as well as remain a dominant Fraternity on campus. Our rush committee will not stop until we have recruited the best men Missouri S&T has to offer.

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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This fall, Alpha Kappa received 27 quality strong young men that exemplified every trait of SLAG (Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, Gentlemen). A big shout out goes to the entire recruitment committee for their hard work in searching for the "most best men" this campus has to offer. In the years past, we have always had pledge retreat in the chapter house. This year we decided to travel out to Chris Ramsay's house. The new members got to listen to our executive council about how the chapter operates. Also, they shared their personal stories of why they chose Missouri S&T and also why they decided to join Pike. It was a great learning experience for them as well as the executive council of getting to know one another and the opportunity to share great stories. Not too far after pledge retreat was Greek Week. I am proud to say that these young men really stepped up to the plate this year in helping out anyway they could to help win Greek Week. Some helped

build banners and can castles while others came out and practiced with our varsity Greek Week teams to ensure that we were in tip top shape going into the games. Needless to say, we would not have won Greek Week without their relentless help. As for the rest of the semester, they have shown great passion and drive not only through Pike but also on campus and in the community. All the new members are involved in two campus organizations outside of their fraternal obligation and have set a pledge class goal to reach 50 hours of community service this semester. Between their performances and strong showing, I have no doubt in my mind that these young men will become the next great leaders of Alpha Kappa.

WRITTEN BY: *Logan Fitch (AK '13)*



Commencement

On Saturday, May 16, 2015, thirteen members of Alpha Kappa graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology. These well-rounded individuals served the fraternity and Missouri S&T by holding many leadership positions on and off campus. We wish them the best of luck, and will look forward to seeing them serve as Alpha Kappa alumni in the future.

PHOTO:

From Left: Jacob Campbell, David Zdvorak, Cadence Kirchner, Jacob Colter, Blake Hoffman, Evan Fox, Jacob Luetzow.



MICHAEL ARCHIBALD

Graduated with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering. Michael served AK as Risk Management Chair, and Public Relations Chair. Michael now works at Nucor-Yamato Steel.



JACOB CAMPBELL

Graduated with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering. He served AK as Campus Involvement Chair, and Correspondence Chair. He now works for Winchester Ammunition.



JACOB COLTER

Graduated with a degree in Architectural Engineering. He played club baseball. He now works for Brinkmann Constructors in Chesterfield, Missouri.



TIM DALTON

Graduated with a degree in Engineering Management. He served AK as the Intramurals Chairman. He now works for Anheuser Busch in St. Louis, Missouri.



JEFFREY DIERKER

Graduated with a degree in Engineering Management. He served AK as treasurer. He is now working for Boeing.



EVAN FOX

Graduated with a degree in Architectural Engineering. He served AK as 1st IMC, Brotherhood Chair, and Community Service Chair. He played Missouri S&T soccer for one year. He is now working for HBD Construction in St. Louis, Missouri.



DAN GRACE

Graduated with a degree in Mining Engineering. He served AK as Duties Chairman, and IFC representative. He was later named Greek God Zeus. He is now working in Safford, Arizona with Freeport McMoran Inc.



BLAKE HOFFMAN

Graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served AK as the Campus Involvement Chairman. He is now working for Schaeffler Group in Joplin, Missouri.



DYLAN JONES

Graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.



CADENCE KIRCHNER

Graduated with a degree in Architectural Engineering. He served AK as Sergeant at Arms, Duties Chair, Steward, Continuing Education, New Member Educator, and SMC. He is now working as a Project Engineer at Brinkmann Constructors in Chesterfield, Missouri.



JACOB LUETZOW

Graduated with a degree in Nuclear Engineering. He served AK as Historian, and Parent's Club Chairman. He is now working at Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation in Idaho Falls, Idaho.



MITCHELL MAROLD

Graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He served AK as the Intramurals Chair. He is now working for Marold Electric.



DAVID ZDVORAK

Graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. He served AK as Sorority Relations Chair. He played four years of Missouri S&T soccer. He is now working at SPX Cooling Technologies.





Celebrating

This fall, Alpha Kappa celebrated its 110th anniversary. The weekend was a huge success with a great turnout from alumni and the undergraduate chapter. This three-day event started with a night at Brother Ramsay's house for a barbecue and bonfire. A few members grilled hot dogs for all of the alumni. It was a great night for everyone to catch up before moving into the festivities that occurred the following days.

Saturday morning, everyone met at the Pike house for coffee and bagels before the start of the formal event. Everyone gathered at the Hasselmann Alumni House to have lunch and to listen to

a few guest speakers, which included several alumni. The Electric Bus (E-bus) was used both days to transport the alumnus and undergraduate chapter between the Hasselmann Alumni House and the Pike chapter house. We were also graced with the presence of the Mayor of Rolla as well as the Chancellor of Missouri S&T during the celebration. After lunch, the decade coordinators each spoke about their time in the house. From 1905 to 2015, 8 alumni talked about their favorite memories as well as traditions that had changed from the previous decade. Everyone enjoyed hearing about the old traditions of the house, and how they



HASSELMANN ALUMNI HOUSE



Our 110th Anniversary!

transitioned into the new traditions, which are still a part of the house today. Following this, Brothers who have served in or are members of the Missouri S&T Alumni Association, Order of the Golden Shillelagh, or who have been honored in other ways by Missouri S&T were recognized. After lunch, alumni enjoyed tours of campus and as well as the chapter house. The Rush committee was very helpful with giving the tours, and telling the alumni all about the house. Following the events at the Alumni House, the alumni headed back to the chapter house for cocktails and socializing.

Sunday began with coffee and bagels at the chapter house before heading back to the Alumni House. The formal lunch

on Sunday was followed by speeches from the presidents of the AK Alumni Association, AK Educational Foundation, AK House Corporation, Alumni Advisory Board, and the active chapter. The first set of "Distinguished Alpha Kappa Brothers" was recognized for their outstanding successes in each of their careers. We want to congratulate Enoch R. Needles, J. Ronald Miller, Melvin E. Carnahan, Bryan A. Stirrat, and Steven H. Wunning for their accomplishments.

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110th Celebration (continued from previous page)

Finally, Brother Christopher Ramsay was acknowledged for his 25 years of dedication to the chapter house as the chapter advisor. Chris Ramsay received a plaque that will be hung in Wolf Hall, along side Robert V. Wolf and Donald Meyer. All in all, the 110th ceremony was an incredible weekend for all the Pikes and distinguished guests.



Disney Internship is Dream Come True

Over the years our brothers have gained great workplace experience through internships and co-ops. Alpha Kappa has proven to provide its members with the tools necessary to acquire these outstanding accomplishments. No one can attest to this better than brother Tyler Jaegers (AK' 13). As a senior in mechanical engineering, he began an internship with Walt Disney Parks and Resorts in Orlando, Florida on August 2015. Brother Jaegers is currently a construction manager for several projects at Disney World. Even as an intern, Tyler manages his own projects throughout the park while assisting in major capital projects still not released to the public. With his personal projects, he hires contractors, sets schedules, maintains budgets and oversees the general construction of the projects. Though he has little experience in construction, he has used management skills gained from positions in the

fraternity along with positions on campus to drive his success. Below is a letter from brother Jaegers describing his experiences with Walt Disney Company.



"A year ago I applied to Disney, following a childhood dream. I was extremely thrilled when I was offered the internship and would recommend it to anyone. I have been learning since the moment I got down here and have had a blast doing so. I am constantly on the move overseeing several different projects and communicating my intentions for their results. Disney has given me full reign on several of these projects, and has really let me make my mark on some great things throughout the park. Not to mention when I'm not working, I get to enjoy the Happiest Place on Earth".

Brother Jaegers has performed so well he has been offered an extension with the Design and Engineering Department. He will work under the ride mechanical group designing and maintaining the roller coasters around the park.

"This is truly a dream come true for me. This is the type of position that I went into engineering for. I am thankful to take all of these experiences I've gained, along with what I've learned at school and apply them to this new position".





Dad's Day a Success



Dad's Day at the Alpha Kappa Chapter House was a success as always. The Crawfish Boil was the same day as Dad's Day, which turned out nicely as the active chapter and their families enjoyed crawfish together.

Before lunch was served, the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation handed out multiple scholarships for academic achievements, as well as on-campus successes.

The active chapter cannot be grateful enough for all of these scholarships. Our chapter continues to thrive each and every day because of the generous donations from the alumni.

TOP PHOTO:

From left: Ty Bollweg (AK '14), Chris Zdvorak (AK '15), Eric Huenke (AK '14), and Dylan Parker (AK '14) receiving scholarship certificates.

Alexander Higginbotham

This fall, after completing my second semester in Pi Kappa Alpha in the spring, I was blessed to receive two scholarships from the educational foundation at the biannual scholarship presentation. It was incredibly reassuring to be rewarded for the endless hours put into my academics, and I realized how fortunate we, as members of this fraternity, are to be supported financially by our alumni. It made me even more motivated to continue my success in the classroom and, looking further into the future, to give back to the chapter once I have

moved on into my job field after my undergraduate years. Ultimately, I have the utmost gratitude for the scholarships awarded not only to me, but to my brothers as well. This support and recognition is yet another example of the altruism members of Pi Kappa Alpha show and experience day in and day out.



Thomas Himmelberg

During my time at Pi Kappa Alpha, the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation and their unprecedented generosity has already blown me away. Realizing that various alumni develop and sponsor scholarships awarding active members based on academics, leadership, and athletics encourages me to strive for success in the house and on campus. The scholarships motivate active members to become more involved in the Fraternity and take leadership roles in the chapter house. As an incoming freshman, I was honored to receive the Gevecker Family Scholarship, recognizing four new members

based on their high school success. This scholarship is unique because it awards freshman before they contribute to the Fraternity, displaying the faith the Educational Foundation holds in each of the Fraternity's new members. I am very thankful and appreciative of every contribution made to the AK Educational Foundation and hope the program continues to thrive.



Mitch Morris

The support from the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation is incredible. The fact that alumni continue to donate and support our educational goals has an immense impact on the chapter. The scholarships encourage members to excel in the classroom, around campus, as well as internally to improve the Alpha Kappa chapter. Over the past three semesters, I have received GPA scholarships along with a scholarship for holding an executive position. I sincerely thank the alumni who have made this possible, as these rewards will

help lead me to a successful professional career. I don't know of a fraternity that has a better support network and scholarship program than we do. I and the members of Alpha Kappa thank the alumni for their generous donations and eagerly await our opportunity to give back.



Leadership Awards

AKEF Officer Performance Awards

Erik Schou
Jon Schliem
Zach Murphy
Mitchell Morris
Anthony Betcher
Chancellor Kurre

Alumni Awards

Charles Wentz, Jr. Award

Brady Muller
Connor Downs
Thomas Bucinski
Joaquin Alarcon
Robert Pearson
Zachary Murphy
Chuck Kelley

Kapers Award

Erik Schou
Jon Schliem
Zach Murphy
Zach Farniok
Mitchell Morris

Ron Miller Award

Anthony Betcher
Brody Bouillon
Kirby Phillips
Zach Tuhoski

David Grimm Awards

Joshua Giancola
Chancellor Kurre
Brandon Eisenbath
Angelo Encapera

Dick and Shirley Bauer Award

Tanner Nelson
Jon Schliem
Tyler Jaegers
Craig Clark
Nicholas Fouche

Chris Ramsay Award

Wes Freeman

Markland Award

Zach Murphy
Sean Murphy
Jeremy Bruder
Aaron Walters
Kirby Phillips
Joshua Bax
Ty Thompson
Zach Duran

Robert White Award

Scotty Palmer
Alex Higinbotham

Dale and Patricia Spence Award

Zach Wilson

Russell Gund Award

Jake Westrich

Don Myers / Phil Colombatto Award

Logan Fitch
Carlin Ballay

Jerry Alyea Award

Tommy Wieschhaus
Joseph Miller

Drebes Award

Joshua Giancola

R.V. Wolf Award

Erik Schou

Mark Thompson Award

Robert Pearson

Bernie Rippert Award

Zach Wilson

Karl Morgan Award

David Murphy

Charles Hubbard Award

Brad Asselmeier
Brendan Curran
David Murphy

William Kruger Award

Timothy Schmitt
Cody Seckfort

Frisbee Award

Mason Brown
Bret Baer

Intramural Athlete of the Year

Curt Gielow

Perrin Roller Award

Mitchell Morris

Caleb Waldbuesser Award

Zach Farniok

Gevecker Family Award

Justin Schmitt
Joseph Early
Hunter Rivera
Thomas Himmleberg

Scholarship Awards

GPA White Award

3.8 – 4.0

Brad Asselmeier
Brendan Curran
Kirby Phillips
Alex Higinbotham
David Murphy
Martin Klevjer

3.5 – 3.79

Joshua Bax
Scotty Palmer
Drake Rivera
Neil Wiaranowski
Aaron Walters
Brandon Eisenbath
James Gleeson

3.2 – 3.49

Chris Zdvorak
Austin Pierce
Eric Huenke
Jared Pechette
Kevin Mattingly
Dylan Parker
Ty Bollweg

GPA Scholarships

3.8 – 4.0

Zach Duran
Mitchell Morris
Tanner Nelson
Sean Murphy
Zach Baker
Matthew Vandiver
Zachary Farniok
Zachary Murphy
Jacob Westrich
Garrett Eskens
Bret Baer
Randall Bergner
Cody Seckfort

3.5 – 3.79

Erik Schou
Tyler Jaegers
Brody Bouillon
Mason Brown
Joseph Miller
Matthew Kilwin
Jeffrey Hall
Tim Schmitt
Angelo Encapera

3.2 – 3.49

Tyler Ferrell
Canaan Kindle
Wes Freeman
Nick McGraw
Mason Fannin
Chancellor Kurre
Josh Giancola
Bradley Gilmer
Andrew Keeven
Connor Kirtley
Garrett Hooper
Danny Tanksley

Danny Ryan

"Nationals" — the word commonly used to describe each chapter consultant who pays a short visit to Alpha Kappa every year. Unless you have been to a regional conference, officer training conference, or convention, this is more than likely the only encounter you would have had with employees who work to better Pi Kappa Alpha every day at Memorial Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. Regardless of what your experience was like meeting an employee of the Fraternity, you would probably be surprised to learn more than 30 people work at "Nationals." You will more than likely be surprised to learn nearly one-third of "Nationals" is women. And you will more than likely be surprised that an engineer from Alpha Kappa works for "Nationals" — me. Questions as normal as "What do you do there?" to the more outlandish like "Do you drink all day?" normally abound following that statement while traveling from those who were never in a Greek organization, but there is still plenty of misunderstanding from those who were Greek, including those in Pi Kappa Alpha. So what exactly does someone who works for "Nationals" do on a daily basis? In keeping with the trend, surprisingly more than you think.

On the undergraduate level, there are a total of 12 chapter consultants who visit with and provide assistance to each of the 220+ chapters and colonies within Pi Kappa Alpha, including the one who visits AK, through a minimum of one regular chapter visit per year. These consultants are managed by two directors of services, one for East of the Mississippi and one of West of the Mississippi, who not only oversee these individuals but who also work to maintain good university relations with the campus that corresponds to each of those chapters and colonies by serving as a resource and addressing issues as they arise, as is all too common at a chapter level. Aside from regular chapter visits, "Nationals" provides specialized recruitment visits to focus specifically on correcting or enhancing recruitment efforts. These visits are facilitated by both chapter consultants and more tenured staff depending on the situation. Besides training existing chapters, "Nationals" typically recruits and organizes new groups of men on campuses where Pi Kappa Alpha does not currently exist — including new and re-organized chapters. This takes place 6–8 times per year including returning to Oregon, Oregon State, Maryland, Creighton, and Christopher Newport this year, is overseen by the director of expansion, and is executed by the chapter consultants.

Taking a step back from the undergraduate level, there is an alumni and volunteer department focused on working with the volunteer regional presidents to create and sustain alumni advisory boards (AABs) who work as a team to advise the chapter and its officers, as well as working with other alumni and volunteers to extend the fraternal experience beyond

graduation by creating and maintaining chapter and area alumni associations. There is also a real estate department that works with house corporations composed of primarily alumni to finance, build, and operate and maintain chapter housing.



There are also a handful of departments that work to support the overall efforts of chapters, alumni groups, and each of the departments previously outlined. The marketing and communications department that produces the Shield and Diamond magazine, the quarterly publication of the fraternity, and the PIKELine monthly email newsletter, manages all official PIKE social media accounts, the PIKE website, and the affiliated brands that produce PIKE products, and provides a variety of programs to support chapter marketing efforts. The finance department that works with chapters to develop proper financial practices and resolve outstanding debt, coordinate all IRS and financial matters amongst the different entities of the fraternity, and oversee the liability insurance program of the Fraternity. The Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation empowers and educates principled leaders in Pi Kappa Alpha by raising money for and providing financial support through named scholarships, chapter endowment funds, educational facilities grants, and many other financial resources. Finally, the PIKE University department, which I oversee, supports chapters and individuals by organizing and providing educational resources, events, and online training.

All of this information is a very simplistic overview of everything "Nationals" does, but hopefully it at least provides some insight into the multi-faceted operations of the International Fraternity. The International Fraternity has continued to grow and be successful in all metrics before I joined Memorial Headquarters staff, and it will most certainly continue to do so once I depart thanks to the great men and women who work at "Nationals."

Alumni Golf Outing

Seven foursomes of Alpha Kappa alumni and active brothers teed it up on Saturday, June 13, 2015 for the annual AK Alumni Association (AKAA) Golf Outing at the Paradise Valley Golf Club in Fenton, MO. The weather was great as the Brothers gathered at the course. The putting contest was a good warm up for golf that started at 1:00 with a shotgun start. Parth Shah took home a dozen golf balls as his prize for his putting prowess. All golfers received a complimentary Goody Bag filled with snacks, koozie, sleeve of balls and other swag.

After golf, we assembled for a dinner of pork steaks and awarding the various prizes. The team of Tim Dalton, Randy Bergner, Robert Chisholm, and Bret Baer won low score for the scramble format tournament (thermos, golf umbrella and dozen balls), Tim Dalton bagged the longest drive (dozen balls) and Bret Baer won the closest to the pin (dozen balls).

Give-a-ways were part of the action as well with a Booze Raffle and 50/50 drawings after dinner. The booze raffle had a Grain and Grapes theme. Al Wentz donated two cases of Michigan Wines (and also helped at the registration desk), and AKAA contributed 10 six-packs of various designer beers. Three winners were picked for the raffle. They were Marc Siebers, Al Wentz, and Tim Scanlon. Each received several bottles wines and six-packs. Andy Reitter won the 50/50. Andy graciously donated his 50% take back to the AKAA.

The Golf Committee is currently reviewing locations for 2016. We expect to schedule it the weekend after Memorial Day or early June depending on course availability. Our goal is to have 40+ golfers. For all of those Alumni who couldn't make it in 2015, we'll be in touch and are expecting you in 2016!

2015 Roster of Participants

Tim Dalton	Parth Shah
Robert Chisholm	Marc Siebers
Bret Baer	Jake Shaw
Randy Bergner	Nick Bouvatte
Tim Scanlon	Robbie Belleville
Bob Scanlon	Andy Reitter
Jake Scanlon	Ryan Hiestand
John Hohenburger	Mike Hayes
Jim Poncioli	Bob Kallemeier
Fred Hohenburger	Bob Siekhaus
Glenn Phillips	Jim Murphy
Tom Castro	Dan Boyce

The Golf Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with planning the 2016 outing. If interested, please contact one of the committee members below.

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WINE TASTING

Pikes Get an Education in Wine from Brother Al Wentz

Every semester the chapter is encouraged to provide some form of continuing education for the members. In the past we have participated in such events as an on campus etiquette dinner, presentations from campus leaders, or even demonstrations from local law enforcement and a gun collector. For the second straight semester, Charles Alvin Wentz has been kind enough to come down and spend a couple of days at the chapter house presenting on some of the skills he has picked up in his many years of business and traveling.

First, there was a presentation on managing finances after graduation. Al presented on important money managing practices such as budgeting for fixed expenses, 401K's, Roth IRA's, investing in mutual funds, saving for retirement, and other prudent fiscal practices. This was a very helpful presentation to the chapter as most 18 to 22 year olds have not yet thought about or been exposed to such topics and Al has plenty of experience in the field. Second, Al presented on cooking for oneself or a group. He went through the basics of cooking, explained a handful of the recipes

from one of his three cookbooks, and then took some Q&A. This is another great presentation because many undergraduate members of the chapter will soon be taking internships or full time jobs where they will be living alone and seek some quality education on cooking good, healthy meals for themselves. The third presentation from Al was on careers in engineering and being professional in the workplace. The chapter benefited greatly from hearing some good tips from someone who worked in engineering for many years and enjoyed great success. The final presentation to the chapter was a unique one offered only to the chapter members 21 years of age or older and was on wine. Al brought down a handful of different kinds of wine varying from sweet and white to dry and red. The group tasted the different wines and learned how different wines are made, what they pair well with, and the proper ways to drink wine.

The Alpha Kappa chapter is very grateful that Al takes time out of his busy schedule to come down and speak with the chapter about these important topics and hopes to continue and grow this tradition. With

a strong showing for each session, the involvement is strong and the chapter will continue to grow through this wonderful education program.

PHOTO:

From left, Nick Fouche, Craig Clark, Will Castillo, Erik Schou, Al Wentz, Kramer Hall, Maxi Fuchs, Felipe Andrade, Angelo Encapera, and Zach Wilson participating in Al Wentz Continuing Education Week.

Save the Date!

JUNE 11 — Grains & Grapes

This BBQ will be held at Al Wentz's home, located at 5953 Old Poag Road in Edwardsville, Illinois.

JULY 23 — Garnet and Gold BBQ

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AKAA Notes

Thank you to all Brothers and wives that attended the 110th Anniversary celebration of Alpha Kappa the weekend of October 25th. I trust that you had a good time and were able to catch up with AKs you knew in your Rolla days and meet some new ones.

Saluting the distinguished Alpha Kappa Alumni was the highlight of the weekend. Ron Miller (1960–Transfer), Bryan Stirrat (1963) and Steve Wunning (1970) were given plaques for their distinguished careers and gave excellent acceptance speeches at the luncheon on Sunday. In addition AK's Enoch Needles (1910) and Mel Carnahan (honorary initiate 1966) were honored posthumously.

Of course there were plenty of stories passed around during the weekend. Three of these in particular stood out for me. Having been a former tenant of the "Spider Room" at the old house, I had always wondered who had painted

it. Well, Ron Moore told me that he was the one who originally painted the distinctive circular checkerboard pattern on that curved plaster ceiling in 1968.

The second story from Ron was that he said that the distinctive "Dream Girl" drawing on the first floor women's bathroom door at the old house was drawn by Brother Jack Ahrens in 1963. Apparently Jack did a lot of artistic things back in the day.

The third thing found out during the 110th was about Ike and Tina Turner. I had heard over the years that they had supposedly played the Pike house back in the '60s, but did not necessarily believe it. Several people (including Gary Barth and Ron Moore) confirmed the event. They played a late show at the house after playing elsewhere in Rolla that night. They came with their backup singers and, if you can believe this, played in the living room at the

house. Apparently they played well into the early morning hours and were fantastic.

WRITTEN BY: *Charlie Klumb*

News from Alumni

Charles Blaschke was picked by the United Nations Environmental Program to present and teach the UAE government about the energy business model for their finance initiative in the region. Charles also got engaged to Celine Salman and will be getting married in Spain in the summer of 2016.

Will Kirby (AK '04) and his wife Brooke welcomed their first child, Reese Jane Kirby.



David A. Hill (AK '04) married Tara Jansen this October.

Cadence Kirchner (AK '11) got engaged to Kelsey Rutledge.

Ryan Muich (AK '09) got engaged to Alexa Wilcox.

Mason Brown (AK '11) got engaged to Lindsey Schmucker.

Robert Chisholm (AK '11) got engaged to Krizzia Castro.

Executive Retreat

A tradition that David Zimmerman (AK '84) started over 10 years ago, the executive officers retreat, was once again held December 4th and 5th of 2015 at the Holliday Inn and Suites in Eureka, MO. In attendance were the outgoing executive officers, the incoming executive officers, and members of the House Corporation, members of the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation, and members from the Alpha Kappa Alumni Association. Over the years, the event has grown into both a transition from the previous executive council to the new one, and a roundtable from the four entities of the chapter. However, the most recent addition to this meeting has been the addition of the Young Alumni Advisory Board. The YAAB is a group of alumni within ten

years of graduating who still have a very good concept of how the chapter is being run lately, but have an older perspective.

The executive retreat could be compared to a shareholders meeting for a large corporation. There are goals set out at the beginning of a term and at the meeting they are assessed on how they were met while the alumni and active chapter assess progress. This is also where the incoming executive council sets and announces their goals. This sense of accountability and striving to improve is one of the aspects of our chapter that keeps us at the forefront of Pi Kappa Alpha chapters and will contribute to many more Smythe awards to come.

DISTINGUISHED

ALPHA KAPPA BROTHERS

The boards of directors of the three alumni entities decided that it would be appropriate to establish a new recognition for Brothers who had distinguished careers in their chosen professions. The 110th anniversary celebration was selected as the event to introduce this new recognition program. Each of the decade coordinators suggested names that were deserving of this honor. Anyone who was ever an Alpha Kappa brother was eligible for the recognition. Therefore, AK Brothers who were initiated as students, who were honorary initiates, who transferred from another chapter, were living, or deceased were eligible.

Dozens of names were suggested. The decade coordinators then investigated the careers of each of the nominees. This process was done via Missouri S&T information as well as Google and LinkedIn searches, etc. The decade coordinators independent

of each other ranked all the nominees. The summary ranking as well as the background information was then shared with the board members of the three alumni entities. This group, after thorough discussion, made the final selection of the initial group of Brothers to receive this honor. It was also decided that, unless deceased, the Brother needed to be present at the 110th celebration to receive the honor.

This award will be made annually with the announcement at Founders' Day events and the recipient(s) asked to deliver the Homecoming talk. This is similar to the Wolf Honoree who is announced at Homecoming and asked to deliver the Founders' Day Speech. All of the Brothers of Alpha Kappa congratulate the men who have been selected for the inaugural group of honorees and their biographical information is on the following pages.

Bryan A. Stirrat

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Bryan Stirrat graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering and a commission as a Second Lt. in the US Army Combat Engineers in January, 1967. He received a Master's Degree in Petroleum Engineering at the University of Southern California. He then entered active duty and was sent to the 18th Engineer Brigade (combat) in South Vietnam. While in Vietnam, Bryan served as a combat engineer platoon leader, the 20th Engineer Battalion 53, and the 937th Engineer Group. He received two Air Medals, a Bronze Star, a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Vietnam Combat Service Medal.

Upon returning to California, he went back to work at the Union Oil Company. In 1972, he left Union Oil and went to work for the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts where he worked his way up to become the head of engineering for the solid waste engineering department. In 1974, he received a second Master Degree. This time, in environmental engineering. In 1978, he left to become the Director of "Engineering for the National Engineering Company." In 1984, he bought that company and changed its name to Bryan A. Stirrat (BAS) and Associates, Civil and Environmental Engineers, specializing in solid waste engineering. In 1991, he and a geotechnical engineering associate started Geologic Associates (GLA). In 2009, after

25 years, he sold BAS to Tetra Tech. Bryan is still the president of Tetra Tech-BAS, but also runs the solid waste practice group for Tetra Tech worldwide.

Bryan and his wife, Jeanne, have been married for 46 years and are active members of the St. Edwards Catholic Church in Dana Point, California. He is a member of the Order of Golden Shillelagh at Missouri S&T. He and Jeanne are economic sponsors for a new faculty member in the Environmental Engineering Department at Missouri S&T.

Among his professional honors and achievements, he was President of the Southern California Chapter of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers and Vice-President of the Southern California Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He was the 2011 recipient of the Solid Waste Association of North America's Landfill Gas Division's "Distinguished Individual Achievement Award." Bryan was the 1994 recipient of the MSM-UMR Most Outstanding Entrepreneur. In 1998, he was inducted into the UMR Academy of Civil Engineers and in 2012, he was honored by MS&T with a Civil Engineering Professional Degree.

J. Ronald Miller



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Brother Ron Miller graduated from the Missouri School of Mines & Metallurgy in 1964 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He transferred to Rolla from the Epsilon Lambda Chapter at Murray State University in 1961. He subsequently received a Professional Engineer Degree and an Honorary Doctorate from MST. He was the commencement speaker at the spring 2006 graduation.

Ron retired in March, 2000 as Vice-President/ General Manager, Global Tissues and Towels for the Procter & Gamble Company. He joined P&G directly after graduation from MSM and spent his entire 35 year career with the company. His assignments took him and his family to several places in the United States and Belgium.

Ron has been an active supporter of the University. He was Chairman of the Chemical Engineering Advisory Committee, a member of the Dean's Advisor Committee, and President of the Board of Trustees. Ron and his wife, Janice, have been residents of Florida

since 2000, where they are involved in numerous non-profit organizations. These include Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Liberty Youth Ranch, and New Horizons. They are active members of Gulfcoast Church in Fort Myers, Florida and the Community Bible Church in Highlands, North Carolina.

Ron and Janice have been married since he was a senior at MSM and Janice taught in the Rolla School System. Janice was Alpha Kappa's Dream Girl of 1964. They have two children and seven grandchildren. They spend the summers in the mountains of western North Carolina.



Steven H. Wunning

Steve has a 1970 undergraduate degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla and an MBA from the University of Illinois. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the following companies: Black and Veatch Holding Company, Sherwin Williams Company, Kennametal Inc., and Neovia Logistics Services LLC. He was also a member of the Board of Governors for the American Red Cross in Washington D.C. and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of Missouri S&T.

Steve began his career at Caterpillar in 1973 and has held a variety of positions with increasing responsibility in the area of quality, manufacturing, product support, and logistics. In 1987, he was one of the first employees in the newly formed subsidiary, Caterpillar Logistics Services, Inc. He became Vice-President of Cat Logistics in 1990 and President in 2004.

Steve Wunning was Group President and Executive Office member of Caterpillar Inc. He had administrative responsibility for the Resource Industries Group, which included the global mining business, 40 manufacturing plants in 20 countries (approximately 30 million square feet under roof), 25 sales offices, three Research and Development Centers, and 32,000 employees.

He led Resource Industries (2010-2014) with rapid growth in the mining equipment business with peak revenues exceeding \$20 billion in 2012. Under his leadership, the Group maintained significant market leadership in the global mining equipment industry throughout the 2010-2014 period.

Steve retired from Caterpillar in January of 2015 after 41 years of service.

Enoch R. Needles

Brother Enoch R Needles was born on October 28, 1888 in Brookfield, Missouri and graduated high school in Kansas City. This was just one year after the chartering of the Alpha Kappa Chapter. In 1914, he graduated from Missouri School of Mines with a degree in Civil Engineering.

After a few years of working for other firms, he joined Harrington, Howard, and Ash, bridge engineers located in Kansas City in 1917. In 1922, he opened their office in New York City where he spent the rest of his career. A successor firm, Ash, Howard, Needles, and Tammen was formed in 1928 and was primarily concerned with the design and construction of fixed and movable bridges.

During World War II, he was involved in many projects which contributed to the winning of the war. He was a Colonel

when he concluded his military service in the Corps of Engineers in 1945, having received the Legion of Merit.

The firm changed its name to HNTB and was prominently identified with turnpikes and bridges in the eastern United States. Projects during his career include the design and construction of the Maine Turnpike, the Massachusetts Turnpike, the West Virginia Turnpike and many other highway and bridge projects. Today, HNTB is one of the nation's largest engineering and architecture firms.

While at MSM, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Chi Epsilon. Later during his working years, his voluntary service was legendary, having served as national president of four major engineering societies including the American Institute of Consulting Engineers,

American Road Builders Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Engineers Joint Council. The latter being a federation of some seventeen national engineering organizations with a total membership of more than 250,000 members. MSM awarded him with an honorary doctorate degree of engineering in 1937.

He married Ethel Schulman of Rolla in 1916 and they had six children and seventeen grandchildren. He passed away on January 3, 1972 at the age of 83.

Melvin E. Carnahan

Brother Mel Carnahan was born in Birch Tree, Missouri on February 11, 1934 and grew up in Rolla, Missouri. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1954 from George Washington University. He joined the United States Air Force after graduation and served during the Korean War. He received a law degree from the University of Missouri in 1959.

His public service career began at the age of 26 when he was elected as a municipal judge in Rolla. Two years later, he was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, where he remained until 1966, winning the position of Majority Floor Leader in his second term. He was twice awarded the St. Louis Globe-Democrat Meritorious Service Award and twice

was recognized by his colleagues for outstanding public service.

In 1966, while serving as a state representative, he accepted the invitation to become an honorary initiate of the Alpha Kappa Chapter. He held various positions in community organizations, among them president of the local school board, a Kiwanis Club officer, and chair of the local Red Cross chapter, the United Fund, the ABLE commission. He also served on the board of Boys' Town of Missouri.

In 1980, Mel was elected Missouri State Treasurer, and in 1988 he was elected Lieutenant Governor. Four years later, he was elected to Governor of Missouri and reelected to a second term in 1996. As governor, he served

as the chair of both the Democratic Governors' Association and the Southern Governors' Association.

Brother Carnahan died in a plane crash on October 16, 2000, as he was campaigning for the U.S. Senate seat from Missouri. One of his sons also died in the crash. He is survived by his wife, the former Jean Carpenter, and three children. Jean was elected to the U.S. Senate seat that he was seeking, and two of the children have held elected public office.

DALE SPENCE WINS

WOLF
LOYALTY AWARD

This year, the Alpha Kappa Chapter would like to congratulate Dale Spence on winning the Robert V. Wolf Loyalty Award. The Wolf Award is awarded every autumn to an alumnus of the Chapter who has both been heavily involved as an alumnus member, and enjoyed success in his professional endeavors.

Dale Spence was initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha here at Alpha Kappa in 1994. As an undergraduate of Alpha Kappa he served as secretary, new member educator, and Vice President.

He received a Bachelor in Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1997 and a Masters in Engineering Management in 2005. Between working toward these degrees he worked for Caterpillar and Federal Mogul Corporations.

He is currently Marketing Director at Veeder-Root Corporation in Simsbury, Connecticut and is responsible for global sales and strategic planning.

He was a founding member and has served as treasurer of the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation since 2003. He also served as an AK House Corporation Scholarship Trustee before AKEF was established.

He has established a scholarship that distributes \$1500 annually to undergraduate members of our Chapter.

He served as a director of the Miner Alumni Association from 2006-2012. At the 2013 Homecoming celebration he received the Missouri S&T Distinguished Young Alumni Award. He and his wife Tricia are also members of the Missouri S&T Order of the Golden Shillelagh.

We hope to see you all at Founders' Day in the spring and expect more on Dale in the next issue of the *Kapers*.

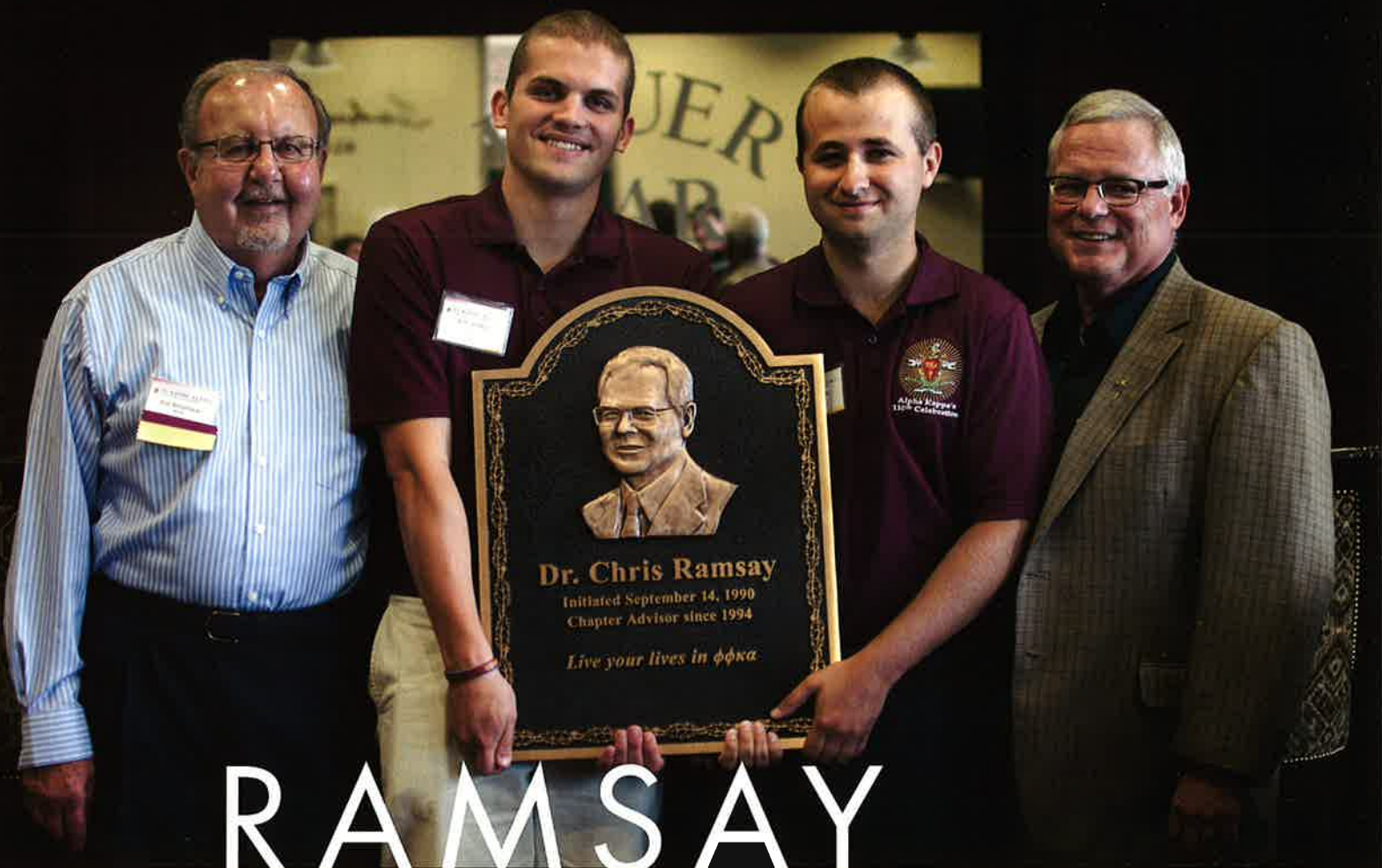
Letter from the editors...

Having worked on multiple issues of the *Kapers*, we can honestly say it has been one of the most rewarding experiences here at Alpha Kappa. Although it is a lot of work, we have covered stories about so many phenomenal events that have happened in the chapter and met so many alumni. Big thanks go out first to Al Wentz for funding and revamping the *Kapers* many years ago and supporting its growth over the past decade. Second, thanks go out to all of the alumni that have contributed content and followed this publication. Lastly we

thank the active chapter for contributing articles and pictures and producing such great results to write about. We couldn't do it without any of these entities. It isn't easy, but seeing that printed *Kapers* hit the mailboxes over the winter and early summer is certainly worth it and we hope you all feel the same way.

—William Castillo & Scotty Palmer





RAMSAY

RECEIVES LOYALTY AWARD

One of the highlights of the 110th Celebration was on Saturday when we honored Chris Ramsay, our friendly neighborhood chapter advisor, for his 25 years of service to our chapter. At the luncheon, Chris was presented with a large plaque to be placed in Wolf Hall next to the plaques for Robert V. Wolf and Donald H. Myers.

Chris graduated from University of Missouri Rolla with his degrees in metallurgical engineering. He earned a B.S. in 1983, M.S. in 1985, and a P.H.D. from Colorado School of Mines in 1990. Shortly after earning his P.H.D., he began teaching metallurgical

engineering at University of Missouri Rolla which he continued until 2005. As a current faculty member at Missouri S&T, he serves as the director of the student design team program. This is a very demanding and time consuming position as Chris is constantly overseeing projects and traveling to competitions.

When Robert V. Wolf stepped down from the chapter advisor position in 1994, Chris was named his successor. This only seemed fitting as Robert was the one who introduced Chris to the chapter and was a mentor to him both through Pi Kappa Alpha and teaching

in the metallurgical engineering department. Chris still serves as chapter advisor and was named Chapter Advisor of the Year by nationals in 2011. We are very grateful for all that Chris has done and congratulate him on this award.

PHOTO:

Top: Bob Brockhaus, Erik Schou, and Will Castillo presenting the Loyalty Award to Chris Ramsay.

ALPHA KAPPA LEGACY



One of the great traditions we have at Alpha Kappa is the number of legacy members we have living in the house every semester. Some of the legacies are sons, grandsons, nephews, brothers, or cousins of previous Alpha Kappa members, but they all share the bond of Phi Phi Kappa Alpha with their family. Here are the legacies we currently have in the chapter:

Austin Powell (AK '15) son of Pierre Powell (AK '84)
and grandson of Al Powell (AK '57)

Trevin Howerton (AK '13) son of Mark Howerton (AK '81)

Jacob Zimmerman (AK '12) son of David Zimmerman (AK '85)

Tommy Wieschhaus (AK '14) brother of Chris Wieschhaus (AK '11)

Spencer Hiestand (AK '11) brother of Ryan Hiestand (AK '04)

Gavin Morris (AK '14) son of Gregory Morris (AK '84)

Erik Schou (AK '13) nephew of Dave Mocker
(AK '82) and Terry Mocker (AK '85)

Aaron Walters (AK '14) brother of Trenton Walters (AK '10)

Sean Murphy (AK '13) son of Frederick Murphy (AK '78)

Kyle Schnell (AK '15) son of Bill Schnell (AK '78)

Bret Baer (AK '11) cousin of Kenny Baer

Wesley Freeman (AK '13) nephew of Jim Feller

Summer House



The duty of the House Corporation is to ensure a safe and comfortable living environment for the chapter. During the school year, the House Corporation works very closely with the House Manager to create a list of improvements to be made over the summer. This past summer, Brother Nicholas Fouche and Brother Scott Schroer led the summer improvements as the Summer House Managers. Nicholas and Scott were responsible for seeing through all of the improvements during the break. Nicholas and Scott were also tasked with hiring fellow Brothers to assist with the summer improvements, such as general cleanup, moving furniture, waxing the floors, and many other tasks. Nicholas and Scott worked closely with contractors to ensure that specialty tasks were completed. During this past summer, there were several large scale projects completed. Two properties right next door were acquired and leveled out to create additional parking spaces for the Chapter and also a large green area. The living room and library were re-decorated completely by an interior designer. With the several large improvements being completed, there were also many smaller improvements that were completed by the summer crew. With these new improvements, the House Corporation will continue working closely with Nicholas Fouche, the Fall House Manager, to ensure that the house remains in pristine condition.



2016 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 Will Castillo at (217) 779-6119 or wacb93@mst.edu.

Friday, February 26th

All Day Open House

Saturday, February 27th

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

Sunday, February 28th

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 Zachary Murphy by email at zrmkw4@mst.edu. This information is not given to us by the University, and must be obtained in another way. Additionally, feel free to contact the alumni relations chairman if you have any comments or article suggestions for the Kapers. 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.

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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

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

☐ I may be attending Founder's Day

☐ I will not be attending Founder's Day

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