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Alpha Kappa kicked off the beginning of another great year in New Orleans, at the 2016 International Convention. Brother Will Wyne (AK '14) and I traveled from St. Louis down to the Big Easy, to attend the five day conference and leadership summit. We were honored to receive a variety of awards, including International Fraternity Participation Programming Award, 100+ Man Chapter, and Raymond L. Orians Award of Excellence among many others. We would also like to congratulate the Alpha Kappa Alumni Association for receiving the Nester Award; the equivalent of a Smythe Award for Alumni Associations. In addition to the above, Alpha Kappa took home the prestigious Robert Adger Smythe Award. This year's Smythe was extra special due to it being Alpha Kappa's 13th consecutive trophy, and 25th in the chapter's history. It brought myself and all of the Alpha Kappas great pride to receive such an award. Obviously, we could not achieve such accomplishments without all of the dedication and hard work devoted by the many zealous undergraduates and alumni up to this point. The chapter as a whole is forever grateful for your contributions.

Once the academic year began, Alpha Kappa was proud to host a class of 28 new members—the largest on campus. The recruitment effort was led by Director of Recruitment, Chris Zdvorak (AK '15). This dedicated group of young men are eager to make a positive impact on the future of this chapter. New Member Educator Tyler Jaegers (AK '13) and assistants Drew Pfyl (AK '13) and Eric Huenke (AK'14) have been working tirelessly making sure the fundamentals of personal and chapter success are being taught to the Fall 2016 new member class. An improved and condensed new member program has been implemented with weekly topics, guest speakers, and valuable lessons on success. Alpha Kappa also has bolstered its continuing education program by hosting a plethora of speakers including a financial aid speaker, members from the police and fire department, and Brother Al Wentz (AK '54).

As for chapter programming, AK has made a phenomenal effort to launch new endeavors on campus and in the community. Alpha Kappa partnered with the International Fraternity's philanthropy organization, Taylor Trudeau Cycle for Life, to host our first annual Pike Chilli-Palooza. The event was a great success in raising money for Leukemia, Lymphoma, and Melanoma research. In addition, Alpha Kappa continues to reach new heights in community service. This semester, our chapter reached 7,500 total hours by assisting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in their annual "Walk for a Cure" in St. Louis, Missouri. Also, we were able to volunteer for Pedal the Cause in St. Louis, MO; Pedal the Cause raises money for cancer research and works to make the world one step closer to a place without cancer.

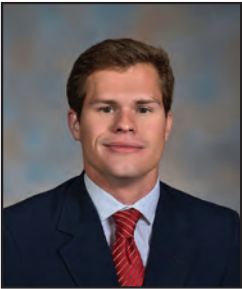
The chapter was proud to achieve a first place victory in both the campus Greek Week and Homecoming competition. The success was primarily due to the hard work and organization of special events chairman, Caleb Fricano (AK '14). However, it took countless hours of hard work and creativity by many brothers to clinch the victories. Alpha Kappa ended up winning both competitions by a landslide. Along with the competitions, the chapter was thrilled to welcome alumni from all over the country at our annual homecoming celebration. To see dedication to Pi Kappa Alpha after so many years is an invigorating sight for me as well as the brothers who were present.

In November, Alpha Kappa sent a group of 28 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 all alumni from the Heartland Region—a great honor. Brother Danny Ryan (AK '06) also served a vital role as Director of Pike University where he took responsibility of the logistics, planning and content for these conferences.

The 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 we will continue this dynasty.

In the bonds,

Scott Schroer (AK '14)
SMC, Fall 2016



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SMC, Fall 2016

A Note from Our Chapter Advisor

I am frequently asked "How did you do it?" or "How do you do it?" it's a question that many Pike Brothers from other chapters ask me in regard to Alpha Kappa's run of Smythe Awards over these many years. First of all; I didn't do it. But, I've been fortunate enough to just be there, on the sidelines, watching a group of committed and engaged Active Members and Alumni pull together to reach a common goal.

There are really no secrets to winning the Smythe; however, there are a few things to understand when a chapter and its alumni set the goal:

- No chapter ever deserves to win the Smythe.
- Any chapter can earn a Smythe with planning, commitment, and focus. It is a team effort that requires the Active Members and Alumni Members to go forward hand in hand towards a shared vision.
- Community Service, Community Service, Community Service. Do it. A good number is 100 hours per member¹. 14,000 to 16,000 hours of Community Service is a good number for AK.
- The Most Best Men, we have discovered though the years that quality comes with quantity regarding new members. It puts the responsibility on our backs to educate these young men and show them the values of PiKA. When they understand those values, through our new member education program and by emulating the men who surround them in the Chapter House, they will step up to the expectation. Always maintain a chapter size of well more than 100; at AK 150 to 160 seems to be a good number. Of course, that means you have to work at it.
- Retain our new members² (a.k.a., our pledges). We spend our effort "up front" during recruiting. We extend the offer of membership only to those who are or have the real potential to become good and decent and honest men. Once we have done that, why would we want them fail? We work hard to bring them along, to know our values, and to embrace those ideals. Almost to a man (yes, we make mistakes from time to time), they embrace what it means to be a Pike.



Chris Ramsay
Chapter Advisor

- Ya gotta win something. Something like Intramural Champions, Greek Week, Homecoming. If we are going to have excellence as our goal, then we had better excel. And not excess in one or two things, but excel across the board.
- Never ever go around telling everyone "We are number 1!" or "We are the best". If you have to tell others that your chapter is "the best"; well then, you're not. It is so much more gratifying to wait for someone to tell you that you are in the best chapter on campus, or one of the best chapters in the Fraternity. It will happen from time to time, don't let it go to your already swelled head. Be humble and gracious. Be thankful for the comments. Be thankful that the men you have associated with are recognized as excellent.
- At the beginning of every year, every chapter starts at zero. The reset happens every single year and each chapter starts at the same place to then earn the Smythe. Always remember: no one cares how hard your work, they only care about what you achieve —so go out and achieve, achieve excellence.

Winning a Smythe is never easy. But, it is always achievable with planning, hard work and execution. The value of the Smythe is not the pretty trophy, or a line of petty trophies in a case. The value of the Smythe the relationships that develop between men as they take on a significant challenge; then organize and execute to achieve the goal. That is what is important about the Smythe. In short, it builds brothership and establishes life long relationships built on the very foundation of our Fraternity.

Live your lives in phi phi kappa alpha.

I am, as always, your friendly neighborhood chapter advisor,

Ramsay

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VICTORY

With another International Convention in the books, Alpha Kappa left the beautiful city of New Orleans with yet another triumphant victory. The delegation was just as excited about the destination, as they were about the opportunity to continue stockpiling our trophy cabinet.

Alpha Kappa’s delegation to the International Conference consisted of two Alpha Kappa brothers, the Director of Recruitment, William Wyne (AK’14), and SMC, Scott Schroer (AK’14). The delegation attended seminars regarding chapter operations and legislature sessions making decisions on amendments for the International Fraternity bylaws. Brothers Wyne and Schroer made sure to enjoy the sights and sounds of New Orleans, but ultimately they both benefitted

from the conference and look forward to implementing what they learned into chapter operations.

The International awards were presented throughout the convention, and as expected, Alpha Kappa was well represented. In the opening banquet, Alpha Kappa received the Raymond L. Orians Award, which is given to the top 25% of Pi Kappa Alpha Chapters, and qualifies chapters for the Robert Adger Smythe Award. Alpha Kappa also excelled in rush awards, winning the 25 man recruitment, and 100 man chapter award, which demonstrates Alpha Kappa’s dedication to steady, strong, and successful growth. Likewise, Alpha Kappa was well represented in housing awards, where we received the International Work Day, and Chapter House of the Quarter Awards. The Chapter House

of the Quarter Award was presented to the Alpha Kappa Chapter as a result of last year’s acquisition of adjacent properties and the resurfacing of those properties into parking lots. The most prestigious awards were presented on the last day of the convention, including the William R. Nester and the Robert Adger Smythe Awards. Through dedicated and tireless work, Alpha Kappa Alumni Association received the William R. Nester Award; recognizing the top 10% of alumni associations who build and maintain brotherly ties to the chapter, and who benefit and advance the chapter of which it serves.

In continuity to the Alpha Kappa Alumni Association, the Alpha Kappa Chapter received the highest honor awarded to chapters, the Robert Adger Smythe Award, which marks the Alpha Kappa Chapter’s 13th straight and 25th overall Smythe Award. The esteemed award acknowledges the top 10% of chapters within the International Fraternity that achieve excellence in academics, campus involvement, community service, athletics, philanthropy, and overall operations. AK had a strong year, and looks to continue their success in the future.

AWARDS RECEIVED
Robert Adger Smythe Award 13th consecutive, 25 total
Raymond L. Orians Excellence Award
International Work day
Pike University 25 Man Commitment
100+ Man Chapter Recognition
100% Phi Phi Kappa Alpha Club
Scholarship Plate
Nester Award awarded to our Alumni Association



PHOTO:
Justin Buck (Executive VP and CEO), Danny Ryan (AK '06), Scott Schroer (AK '14), Will Wyne (AK '14), Al Wentz (AK '54), and John A. Bobango attend the Academy in New Orleans.

GREEK WEEK 2016

Alpha Kappa has now made a habit out of winning Greek Week, as we clinched our third consecutive victory this fall. With every house on campus setting their sights on that trophy, our house knew we would need to put



PHOTOS:
Left: Brandon Jaegers (AK '16) launches a football in Punt Pass Kick. Above: Fellow brothers cheer on Mike Barnett (AK '14) as he dominates the crucifix hold in the Hercules Competition.

every ounce of blood and sweat into remaining king of the hill. Competition consisted of a slew of participation events, design competitions, and athletic events. Caleb Fricano (AK '14) graciously took the reins as Greek Week chair, and led Alpha Kappa to an honorable victory this year. With the help of his sub-committees, he was able to pick up where the chapter left off last year. The long nights, extra practices, and multitude of meetings that the brothers of Alpha Kappa endured paid off tenfold, as we not only won, but placed first in several events. First and foremost, we'd like to recognize Mike Barnett (AK '14), this year's winner of the Hercules Competition. Mike can proudly say he held the title of Hercules for the rest of his life. The Hercules competition consists of a series of competitions throughout the week, where the elite athletes of each house participate in trials testing speed, strength, and muscular endurance. Brother Barnett placed top three in eight of the twelve events and took either first or second in half of the events.

Alpha Kappa proved its athletic superiority with first place victories in several events, including chariot race, basketball, soccer, and tug-of-war. This is the

third year in a row that Alpha Kappa took first in tug-of-war, having won a total of thirteen consecutive matches. Our Greek Week victory is a direct result of the efforts put in by brothers young and old. Several new members including Matt Hagan (AK '16), Jacob Hunter (AK '16), and Brandon Jaegers (AK '16) stepped up in their respective sports and helped bring home the title. Brandon Jaegers competed in the solo event, Punt, Pass, and Kick, where he placed first. Alpha Kappa also proved themselves artistically superior, as Zach Tuhoski's (AK '13) painted banner won first place. Our success would not have been possible without the diligent efforts of Scott Schroer (AK '14), Zach Tuhoski (AK '13), Jon Vogel (AK '13), Tyler Jaegers (AK '13), David Rall (AK '14), and Kyle Schnell (AK '15). The beauty of Greek Week is that it calls upon every aspect of every house to prove themselves as the best. Whether it be craftsmanship, athleticism, artistic ability, participation, or community service, Alpha Kappa had members of various ages with various talents step forward and give their all for our Fraternity. We look forward to continuing the tradition next year, and bringing home number four.

IFC SENIOR REPby Drake Rivera
 This year, Greek Week was truly special as a member of Alpha Kappa was the head of Greek Week on behalf of the Interfraternity Council (IFC).

I [Drake Rivera] am a senior in Aerospace Engineering, now a Senior Rep in IFC. After my first year at MS&T, I fell in love with Greek Week. Entire houses banded together to compete with as much intensity as a varsity sport, yet there was still the camaraderie we are all familiar with among the Greek community in Rolla. I knew I yearned to get involved and taking charge was the right way to do it.

Before this year, I had no idea how much went on behind the scenes. As a participant, all you see is the culmination of a full year of work. In reality, work for Greek Week 2016 began the day Geek Week 2015 ended. From the beginning, I worked with three other IFC members, and we were responsible for every aspect of the week, from writing rules, reserving areas, and ordering trophies. As the Greek Week Chair, I focused on the organization of the event and interactions with outside organizations.

From day one, I was responsible for planning dates and times for each event as well as interact with various organizations for running the activities. I reached out to different groups such as SUB, the Athletics Department, KMNr, and CAMPUSPEAK. Every individual organization played their part in the inner workings of the event. For example, SUB assisted with the Greek Week Concert. I worked with the Athletics Department and CAMPUSPEAK to organize bringing a speaker to our campus; this year we featured Jake Byczowski.

On top of organization, I was in charge of managing the budget for the week. Individually, I had a budget of \$25,000 but I also received funding and sponsorship from other groups. SUB helped offset the concert and Athletics assisted with the speaker. Overall, the budget for the week was approximately \$50,000, factoring in the various pieces at work.

Through meetings with the Director of Greek Life, IFC President, and IFC VP-Programming, Greek Week 2016 came together and was a resounding success in the eyes of those behind it. By the end of the week, there were measurable accomplishments: 600+ Greeks participated in our Fall Semester Greek Service Day, more than 1.5 tons of canned food was donated to GRACE, 1000lbs of aluminum was recycled, and two children were adopted on behalf of our Linking Hearts Carnival.

The trophy sitting on top of the mantle with Greek Week Champions 2016 will hold a special place in my heart. Months of work go into the event, and boys of Alpha Kappa work just as hard to win it every year.



Brothers Mike Barnett (AK '14), Caleb Fricano (AK '14), Drake Rivera (AK '14), and Scott Schroer (AK '14) hoist the hardware during the Greek Week closing ceremonies.



Brothers Sam Geers (AK '15), Dom Parker (AK '15), Grant Husman (AK '15), and Matt Hagan (AK '16) pull Kevin Morris (AK '16) during the Chariot Race.

Chariot Race



Brothers Mike Barnett (AK '14), Kevin Morris (AK '16), Jacob Hunter (AK '16), Brad Asselmeier (AK '15), Chris Murphy (AK '15), Caleb Fricano (AK '14), Josh Giancola (AK '14), Scott Schroer (AK '13), and James Gleeson (AK '14) dominate in Tug of War.

Tug O' War

Punt Pass Kick



Brandon Jaegers (AK '16) launches a football in Punt Pass Kick.



Trash Can Football



Soccer



Kyle Schnell (AK '15) fires a shot during Greek Week Soccer.



Brandon Jaegers (AK '16) smashes a serve over the net during Greek Week volleyball.

Volleyball



Trevor Kopp (AK '16) tosses a football into a trash can during Trash Can Football.

CAMPUS involvement

This year our campus involvement committee hosted the 5th semi-annual Pi Kappa Alpha 3v3 basketball tournament as well as a Faculty and Staff luncheon. Our house also participated in a total of 263 campus organizations, averaging 2.04 per man with many of the brothers holding committee and executive positions within each of those clubs. Alpha Kappa has also laid down the ground work

for a new event for this upcoming semester or next fall. We plan on hosting a Powder Puff Football tournament where girls will play flag football and the guys will cheerlead for the teams. All of the events and organizations help us as a chapter to broaden our horizons and teach us valuable leadership skills. We are excited to continue succeeding on campus and helping our university and other students.

NEIL WIARANOWSKI
"...being a Pike has greatly enhanced my involvement on the soccer team.."

My college experience has been very rewarding thus far due to being not only a member of Pi Kappa Alpha but also a member of the varsity soccer team. Pi Kappa Alpha has always been a major influence on the team in more ways than one. Members of the fraternity make up a large population of the team itself and especially the fan section.



Currently there are nine active Pikes on the team, with more joining next semester. There is a noticeable bond between my fraternity brothers and myself on the soccer team. The chemistry and friendships are much stronger, and we spend much more time together than those who are selectively on the team. Regardless of whether or not someone is a member of Pike, I always enjoy spending time with the team at the house. The house provides a much more relaxed atmosphere to get to know the team on a more personable level.

Pi Kappa Alpha has also been incredibly beneficial towards my ability to balance soccer and academics. From learning time management skills during my new member semester to all of the in house resources (such as study rooms or study hours); Pi Kappa Alpha sets the foundation for student athletes to succeed in soccer and in school. Furthermore, the location of the house could not be better suited towards athletes as it is across the street from the rec center and also a mere block away from campus. This season was by far the most successful that I have experienced in my four years on the soccer team. We placed

second in the GLVC, the highest finish since 2010, and set numerous new records for the program. I am proud to say that amongst starting players on the team, 4/11 players were members of Pi Kappa Alpha. Being a member of Pike has greatly enhanced my involvement on the soccer team as well as helping me to become closer to my teammates and brothers.

PHOTO:
Brother Neil Wiaranowski (AK '15) flies by a defender during a varsity soccer game.

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JDRF



Nearly 60 men of Alpha Kappa helped the JDRF 1 walk in late September.

The weekend of September 23–25, nearly 60 men of Pi Kappa Alpha traveled to St. Louis to volunteer at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) 1 mile and 5k walk. The foundation holds this annual event in the fall, and each year the men of Alpha Kappa take time out of their weekend to help the noble cause. Saturday always begins with primary set up of the course. The brothers helped set up hundreds of tables and chairs around the finish line area, while fulfilling any other requests. Sunday morning, the Alpha Kappas were separated into groups and given individual tasks such as manning registration and beverage booths, or directing

walkers throughout the route. After the event, the group began breaking down the course, tables, and chairs before returning to Rolla. In order to maintain a good relationship with the foundation, Alpha Kappa makes sure to keep in contact via email as we change chairmen every semester. As community service chairmen this semester, it was Tyler Ferrell's (AK '14) duty to choose two MVPs, one active member, and one new member, that he believed worked the hardest. He chose Martin Vaupel (AK '15), and Jacob Hunter (AK '16). Alpha Kappa loves to support this event. It helps such a great cause and is a great way to spend the weekend with our brothers.

Linking Hearts

This year, IFC held the Linking Hearts charity event on Friday, September 16th, before closing games of Greek Week. The organization helps kids in foster homes and adoption agencies find permanent homes and families. It has become a tradition for all the Fraternities and Sororities to put on a carnival for the children. Alpha Kappa's, Star Wars themed, carnival consisted of many different games for the kids ranging from pie a pike, to a corn hole toss. Other games included softball toss, water gun target practice, a prize wheel, a fishing duck pond, and a bounce house. Every game came with fun prizes, and candy for the kids. We went around the house and organized a small group of energetic and fun brothers to work the games with the sole task of making the day enjoyable and unforgettable for all the kids. Despite the pouring rain, we took second in the event, and had great time playing with the kids at the carnival.



Blake Porter (AK '16) looks on as a Linking Hearts participant pies Alec Stirnemann (AK '16) in the face.

Pedal The Cause



This year, the Alpha Kappa Pikes took part in a brand new service project called Pedal The Cause, which is a bike ride, in St. Louis, that raises money for non-government funded cancer research. On the last weekend of September, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha brought roughly 60 brothers to volunteer in our largest service event of the year. Pedal The Cause draws in over 2,800 riders trekking course loops from 10 miles to 100 miles. Through donations received by the riders, the event raises a total of 3.6 million dollars for cancer research. The 60 members from the Alpha Kappa Chapter were able to fill around 400 volunteer slots

for the Pedal The Cause foundation. On Saturday the members worked over 8 hours in 90-degree heat, setting up tables and tents, and transporting water and food stations in preparation for the race on Sunday. The brothers stayed late into the evening running the pre-race dinner and social event, as well as going over their course marshal assignments. On Sunday morning, the volunteers reported to their designated spots across the 100 mile course loop and to the main area with the start/finish line. They protected the course and served food and drinks to the participants when they finished. After the event, they were tasked with breaking down all the tables and chairs, as well as rolling up all the banners before finally departing back to Rolla. Our chapter greatly appreciated the opportunity to help with such a large event supporting a great cause. We look forward to helping the Pedal The Cause organization in the upcoming years.

FIRST EVER Taylor Trudeau Cycle for Life



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In the previous years, Pike has held a Crawfish Boil to benefit the Taylor Trudeau Cycle for Life Foundation. The foundation raises awareness for Leukemia and Lymphoma in honor of a fallen brother of Pi Kappa Alpha, who passed away in his fight against Leukemia. The chapter felt as the though the fundraiser never built enough steam to really help the great cause. So this year, the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha hosted their First Ever Chili-Palooza during the Homecoming and Dad's Day celebration. To help develop awareness for our event and get it off the ground, we solicited local businesses for donations ranging from cash contributions to styrofoam cups. All donations were graciously accepted and helped Alpha Kappa raise \$1,200 toward the Cycle for Life. The chapter thanks those that enjoyed our chili and looks forward to seeing you next year!



Sack Lunch-A-Thon

The week of November 4th we participated in the Annual Sack Lunch-A-Thon, helping raise money for the Friday Backpack Program (FBP). The FBP is an organization that fills backpacks with food for underprivileged children in the Rolla community. To assist the organization in raising money we sold sack

lunches, consisting of a sandwich, soda, and side item, to local businesses at \$5 apiece. The proceeds went directly to FBP. After offsetting the costs, Alpha Kappa was able to raise \$600 to assist the Friday Backpack Program in their endeavors to help the community.



MEMPHIS

Formal 2016

Fall 2016 has turned out to be a special semester for Alpha Kappa. In addition to our normal success in winning Greek Week, Homecoming, and various intramurals, we ignited a new tradition—a weekend-long out of town formal. Formals are great for brothers to experience a new place with the comradery of their brothers and dates. While small, local formals are often the norm at small schools like S&T, fraternities at other schools often put on large out-of-town blowouts which are often the social event of the year. Unfortunately, Alpha Kappa hasn't hosted even a small formal in the past few semesters, and our members were ready for something out of the ordinary. So when the planning committee charged James Holloway (AK '13) with putting on a big formal, he knew he wanted to make it memorable.

James decided that the best location would be Memphis because of its proximity and spectacular nightlife. He also decided that the best method of transportation was to charter a bus so that everyone could socialize on the way down without having to worry about taking care of their own

cars in the city. The brothers were able to find a hotel in close quarters to the legendary Beale Street as well, to prevent using Uber to navigate the city.

On Friday afternoon, 25 brothers and their dates loaded up the bus and trekked down to Memphis. The five-hour ride down was a blast and gave everybody a chance to loosen up from the school week and get to know each other's dates. The group arrived in Memphis, unpacked, and set out to hit the strip. Everybody was free to go see the town as they pleased on Saturday. Brothers scattered to check out the Memphis Art Festival, Pike National Headquarters, the National Civil Rights Museum, and of course Beale Street for drinks, music, and barbecue. The group reconvened in the evening for a wonderful dinner at Mosa Memphis Asian Bistro before scattering again to see the nightlife.

Sunday morning, everyone got on the bus and headed back to Rolla. The weekend was an incredible success and everyone and their dates had a great time. Hopefully this was the beginning of a new tradition for our chapter.

Brotherhood Week



Brothers Dom Parker (AK '15) and Grant Husman (AK '15) pose after dominating the FIFA tournament.



Brother Tyler Jaegers (AK '13) sink a bag in the hole during the corn hole tournament.

The week of October 3-7th, the chapter held the annual brotherhood week, promoting brotherly love amongst the members of the house. Brotherhood Chair, Zachary Farniok (AK '14), organized multiple fun-filled events throughout the week. The events included the regular chapter meeting on Monday night, a FIFA tournament, a Rocket League tournament, a corn hole tournament and a comedic rendition of history as told by Brother Corey Jolitz (AK '15).

Many Brothers came together in competitive fashion to duke it out in FIFA; however, the cornhole tournament had the highest turnout of the week's events stirring up some stiff competition. Both tournament events were played in teams of two with the winners of the events being as follows; FIFA was won by Brothers Grant Husman and Dominick Parker (AK '15),

and Brothers David Murphy and Levi Gotto (AK '15) worked their way to the top of the bracket for cornhole.

In addition to the week of brotherhood, other events were held throughout the semester to bring the members together, including gathering in the TV room to watch the world series as well as other exciting sporting events throughout the semester. An additional event this semester included a visit to Grellners Sales and Services for those brothers who are 21 and older on December 2nd, where those in attendance learned the ins and outs of the beverage distribution market in the Rolla area. Overall the semester has provided plenty of time for the bonds of our great fraternity to grow through friendly competition and other social gatherings.

James Holloway (AK '14) snagged a guitar and gave an epic performance at a BBQ bar in Memphis, TN.



Float Trip

On a sweltering weekend this summer, 60 members of the Alpha Kappa chapter took to the Huzzah River to indulge in a family fun float-trip. Orchestrated by Will Wyne (AK '14) and Jeremy Bruder (AK '13), the brothers all met Friday evening and quickly began grilling burgers, dogs and crafting mouth-watering s'mores. After a first successful night, the time came for the main event on Saturday morning: The BIG FLOAT. A six mile splash-filled trip through a twisting and turning valley of Missouri's beautiful Ozarks. The next several hours featured a large array of shenanigans and bamboozles as the Alpha Kappa Pikes lazily drifted down the river and relaxed. Actives enjoyed the adventure and comradery and plan on taking part in the trip for summers to come.

THE IMPORTANCE OF **TAKING RISKS**

Chaz Blashcke (AK '04), owner of Taka Solutions in Dubai, shares his advice

On the Friday of Homecoming, Chaz Blashcke (AK '04) returned home to Alpha Kappa for the first time in nearly eight years. Although his time in Rolla was limited, he made it a priority to speak with the active chapter. During lunch in Wolf Hall, he presented his personal story of life in Alpha Kappa and taking risks early in one's career. Chaz took a huge risk in taking his first job after graduation with Burt Hill in Dubai. After bouncing around a couple companies, he managed to start Taka Solutions, a technology consulting firm, that uses engineering and technology to save energy and money in buildings. Chaz explained Taka's structure and plans for the future. Throughout his presentation he encouraged the active members to take risks early, work hard, and enjoy your career. The brothers of Alpha Kappa were honored to welcome Chaz home and are extremely grateful for his dedication to our chapter.



Safety First!

ROLLA FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITS THE CHAPTER

On Tuesday November 8th, the brothers of Alpha Kappa had the pleasure of inviting a few men from the Rolla fire department over to the chapter house for dinner. At the conclusion of the meal, they introduced themselves and spoke to the fraternity on fire safety. Many of the firefighters were involved with the department during the fire at Alpha Kappa in 1999 and they each gave details into the fire and how they were affected by it. Later, each man spoke on a specific fire safety tip and general procedures on how to react to a fire. After speaking to us they took time to answer any questions and encouraged us to stop by the fire station for any further inquiries. We are very appreciative to the Rolla fire department for keeping us safe and interacting with us on a personable level.



Be Your Brother's Keeper

ADVICE FROM MS&T POLICE CHIEF ROBERTS

On Tuesday October 11th, our new MS&T Police Chief Douglas Roberts came to Alpha Kappa for dinner and spoke to us about his career and life as a whole. Before becoming the MS&T Police Chief, Douglas Roberts progressed from a cop, to SWAT, and eventually to the secret service. While recollecting on his life he told us many interesting stories from exchanging gunfire in a foot chase, to being in the white house during 9/11, and being assigned to the vice-president's protection detail. After telling us about his life, Police Chief Roberts began to speak to us on the importance of being your brother's keeper and looking out for one another. The following week at chapter, a motion was made to special initiate Police Chief Roberts.



AL WENTZ Week

The week of October 24th our brother Al Wentz came to Alpha Kappa for his biannual Al Wentz Week. He spoke to the active chapter on several different topics relating to the chapter as a whole.

His first presentation outlined rebuilding Alpha Kappa after the fire and creating the operations manual. Al covered the major events taking place from 1999 to 2001. He shared a scrapbook containing several newspaper clippings and pictures of the house after the fire and during construction. Al emphasized the significance of the fire in our chapter's history. As tragic as the fire was, especially with the loss of Jared Newman Adams (AK '97), the alumni stepped up and assumed a new role in assisting the active chapter. The main goal, to rebuild the chapter house, was going to take a large amount of donations due to the previous house being under-insured. A strong core of alums, banded together and developed an alumni database to spread awareness and help solicit donations for the new house. Al detailed the importance of having a strong alumni presence and good communication between the alumni and the active chapter. As a result of strong leadership, we now have one of the best fraternity houses in the Nation and unprecedented Alumni contributions to the Housing Core, Educational Foundation and the Alumni Association. After the fire, Alpha Kappa also developed the operations manual, assisting the transition of leadership positions since they were changing every semester in the house.

Al's second presentation pertained to the *Kapers* (the magazine you are currently reading). Alpha Kappa first published the *Kapers* in 2007 and Al believes it is the most



Brother Al Wentz (AK '54) speaks with the active chapter during his session on the fire and rebirth of the chapter house.

important tool the chapter has to keep alumni informed on the activities the active chapter is involved in. We believe the *Kapers* provides an opportunity for the Alumni to experience the success of Alpha Kappa. The magazine allows the Alumni to see the fruits of their labor.

Al also spoke about Smythe Awards and the Nester Award. Al explained the awards and the importance of having good leadership and structure when applying for the National honors. At the conclusion of the week, Al shared his wealth of knowledge during the wine appreciation session. He educated the brothers in the chapter that were 21 and up on different types of wines, what foods pair with them, their country of origin, and general tips on how to choose wine.

As always it's a pleasure to have Al back in Rolla and the brothers of Alpha Kappa wish him safe travels on his cruise this year!

Learning to Secure a Stable Financial Future

MS&T STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES PRESENT TO CHAPTER

On Tuesday August 30, 2016, Jason Bornhob, Financial Director of student financial services at MST, came to AK to speak on the topics of money management and loans. During his presentation, he informed the brothers of AK on how to navigate and operate MST's student financial aid page, described the differences between various loans, and compared the benefits of school vs. private loans. This interactive presentation promoted asking general and personal questions allowing brothers to begin taking steps to secure their finances while in school and learn what steps to take after graduation to secure a stable financial future. We appreciate the time Jason spent with our house and hope to learn more from him in the future.



CHEF JIMMI

Chef James "Jimmi" Long took over as head chef for Alpha Kappa in January of 2016. Born and raised into a restaurant family, Chef Jimmi has been cooking his entire life. Even though Jimmi is originally from Detroit, Michigan, he attended culinary school in Detroit, Kansas City, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. He even served the military as a tanker for the Army in 1979–1982. Jimmi sets two rules for everyone in the house: first, make sure everyone eats and second, be your brother's keeper. The gentlemen living in house have been very fortunate to have Jimmi prepare meals for them on a daily basis and hope to see him in the kitchen for a long time to come.

Q: What is your favorite dish to cook?

A: Barbacoa, I enjoy preparing giant, outdoor barbeque presentations.

Q: What has been your favorite job in the food industry?

A: Working for the Pike house, it really is my favorite.

Q: What has been the most difficult job in the food industry?

A: When I was the chef at the InterContinental Hotel in Kansas City, I was always so busy and rarely knew what was coming up. We typically did huge banquets and the volume was so enormous.

Q: What is the most exotic place you have ever cooked?

A: I worked at the Alvear Palace Hotel in downtown Buenos Aires. It's a Michelin-Star Hotel.

Q: What do you like most about cooking for the Pike chapter?

A: The boys love my food! I get my joy from seeing happy, full men.

Q: How do you plan to cook for 100+ guys?

A: I basically guess how much the boys will eat. One week we could go through 14 cases of milk and the next we go through 4, so it's a balance. You roll the dice and hope everything will be ok!



Chef Jimmi works diligently in the kitchen to make sure all the members are full and satisfied.

Q: What was the worst kitchen disaster you've experience?

A: One time I accidentally forgot to plug up the deep fryer and melted lard all over the floor...

ROCK DRAG

On the evening of Thursday, October 13, the new members of Alpha Kappa took part in the annual Rock Drag. This event, highly touted and highly anticipated by members of the Greek community, forces the new members of each house to work together in an effort to drag a two ton boulder across campus. The event, hosted by the gentlemen of Sigma Phi Epsilon, starts in their front yard, and then travels by the Phi Kappa Theta house in route to the Pike house. As the rock passes more houses, more new members in the Greek community assist in pulling the rock, and more active members accompany the men on the rock with words of encouragement. By the end of the night, the rock finds its way into Kappa Sigma's back yard and the fraternity men return to their respective houses.



COURSE MAP



Members of several fraternities around campus participate in the annual Rock Drag.

Homecoming



Yard Show 2016

Members of F2K16 dance to Michael Jackson's *Thriller*.

The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha went into Homecoming strong with the mindset of continuing the winning tradition. Once again, the format changed, adding events such as a yard display, pie eating contest, and other participation activities into the mix. We also competed against other campus organizations in the float competition and Homecoming Court. This year opened the door for another opportunity in which the brothers of Alpha Kappa could come together and blow away the competition. With the task of creating a "haunted house" for the yard display, Alpha Kappa brainstormed a fun and festive science fiction story, dazzling the judges and taking first place. Per usual, the brothers went all out and came together to create a float that would surely wow the crowd. Using wood, hay, pumpkins, leaves, and a mock-up campfire topped with

marshmallows, the brothers of Alpha Kappa created a, first place, ΠKA inspired float. Fashioned atop this float were Pi Kappa Alpha's Homecoming Court representatives, Abby Dare and Scott Schroer (AK'14). Abby Dare, who is heavily involved in the Panhellenic Council as well as the Kappa Delta sorority, would accompany Alpha Kappa's President, Brother Schroer, in the running for Homecoming King and Queen. After being scored on campus involvement, event attendance, and an interview, both representatives would emerge victorious, winning 2016 Homecoming King and Queen. Although the week was full of new challenges, the Alpha Kappa chapter was nothing short of successful in this year's Homecoming. A special thanks is in order to Caleb Fricano (AK'14), Tyler Jaegers (AK'13), David Rall (AK'14), the new members, and of course our King and Queen!



Homecoming Queen and King, Abby Dare and Scott Schroer (AK'14), pose for a picture after coronation.

DAD'S DAY SUCCESS: scholarships, chili lunch, & football

Pi Kappa Alpha's annual Dad's Day proved to be another huge success this year as it was hosted with our 1st ever Chili-Palooza fundraiser and Missouri S&T's homecoming celebration. The day kicked off with a presentation from the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation where scholarships were awarded based on academic achievement, service to the house and on-campus success. The chapter also welcomed home Charles Blaschke, the managing director at TAKA Solutions. Charles spoke about his company and pursuing careers after Rolla.

Following the scholarship presentation, a lovely chili lunch was provided in Wolf Hall with all proceeds benefiting the Taylor Trudeau Cycle for Life Foundation. At the conclusion of lunch, families and alumni were welcome to spend the day at the chapter house or watch Missouri S&T's homecoming football game. The weather was beautiful and the gentlemen of Pi Kappa Alpha were grateful to spend a day in Rolla with their families. The active chapter would like to thank all participants that contributed to the great success of this year's dad's day event and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Ty Bollweg (AK '14)

This past summer I got the awesome experience of working at the John Deere Product Engineering Center in Waterloo, IA. During my time at the Product Engineering Center, I worked with the Noise, Vibration, and Harshness team in the Power Systems division. Our team was responsible for conducting noise and vibration analysis on various John Deere engines, new and used. Our studies were conducted to find potential weak points on new engines, research customer

Brother Ty Bollweg (AK '14) in front of the John Deere Product Engineering Center with his 1972 Chevrolet El Camino SS.



complaints about excess noise or vibration originating at the engine, and to ensure that John Deere was delivering the highest quality and user-friendly products possible. My experience at John Deere greatly benefitted myself by allowing me to network with several great people and apply what I have learned in the classroom to solve problems and produce results in the field.

Logan Fitch (AK '12)

This past summer I had the privilege and honor of working for the Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co. in Denver, CO. My position for the company was an Assistant Project Manager in the Construction Design-Build division. A few projects I was able to spend time working on included; a new facility for Lockheed Martin in Littleton, CO and a remodeling process at a Frito Lay plant in Aberdeen, MD. During my time at Lockheed Martin, I helped construct the world's largest anechoic chamber where they will soon be testing the latest and greatest military satellite systems. While I wasn't on-site in Littleton, I worked in Maryland at Frito Lay. My tasks included working directly with the subcontractors pertaining to scheduling issues, change orders, purchase orders, updating



and tracking quantities, client changes, and also trying to solve design problems that occurred during the construction phase. While I wasn't working or in the office, I had the luxury to travel to all parts of Colorado including the 132 square mile Great Sand Dunes National Park in Mosca, CO. I ventured into the Rocky Mountain National Park and spent time fishing in Estes Park with my fellow interns and co-workers. This summer

proved to be a very challenging and fun experience! The ability to work on groundbreaking technological projects and hard-pressed scheduled projects made the job exhilarating. At the end of the day, being able to go to work and see something new every single day and face new problems made the experience worthwhile.



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RUSH

Securing a third straight Greek Week championship this past fall, the fruits of Alpha Kappa's labor have been showing. The Fall 2016 class includes 28 upstanding men, many of whom were varsity athletes at their respective high schools. These men also brought in stellar academic records from their high school careers. The chapter has been able to maintain its size of around 150 members due to the large pledge classes, both spring and fall, that have been brought in the past few years. It is a testament to Alpha Kappa's strength and reputation on campus and around the state of Missouri to be able to maintain such dominance.

Recruitment for this year's fall class included numerous PRO days, and a Cardinals game rush event. About 15 actives and 20 potential recruits attended the event in St. Louis. A great deal of effort was put into making sure the chapter got the best and brightest that Missouri S&T's freshman class of 2016 had to offer. Brothers Thomas Bucinski (AK '14) and Neil Waranowski (AK '15) both worked at the chapter house over the summer to bolster the chapter's recruitment process during the school's registration and professional development days.

Director of Recruitment, William Wyne (AK '14) and his rush chairmen: Andrew Wade (AK '15), Brad Asselmeier (AK '15), Neil Waranowski (AK '15), and Alex Higinbotham (AK '14) have been working tirelessly to find the best recruits to bring into the chapter. It's clear that Alpha Kappa's efforts to create a large recruitment committee has paid off in the form of its successful and worthy pledge classes. Strategies handed down by past directors have given the committee structure and knowledge to continue the tradition of strong recruitment that Alpha Kappa has become known for nationally.



Will Wyne (AK '14)
Director of Recruitment

Alpha Kappa has nonetheless maintained its strength in recruitment through the help of numerous alumnus recommendations and support. We again look forward to continuing this streak of dominance at Missouri S&T, and showing the world what it means to be an Alpha Kappa Pike.

RUSH ORGANIZATION

Director of Recruitment
Will Wyne (AK '14)

Rush Advisor
Rob Pearson (AK '13)

Rush Chairmen
Brad Asselmeier (AK '15)
Andrew Wade (AK '15)
Neil Waranowski (AK '15)

Rush Captains
Troy Kahle (AK '15)
Thomas Zoellner (AK '15)
Luke Mathews (AK '15)
Collin Renth (AK '15)

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 an excellent Pike? Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated and actively pursued by our recruitment committee.

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SMC (PRESIDENT)

Scott Schroer

NEW MEMBER /
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Tyler Jaegers

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ASSISTANT
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Zach Price
Eric Roettger

FIX-IT

Danny Moeller

RECYCLING

Chad Barton
Tommy Zoellner

STEWARD

Josh Bax

SUPER DUTIES

Connor Kirtley
Austin Powell

ASSISTANT
HOUSE MANAGER

Luke Schneiders
Danny Moeller

1ST IMC (EXTERNAL VP)

Robert Pearson

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

CHAIRMAN: Zach Duran
COMMITTEE: Troy Kahle

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHAIRMAN: Tyler Ferrell
COMMITTEE: Martin Vaupel

CORRESPONDENCE

CHAIRMAN: Sam Geers

INTRAMURALS

CHAIRMAN: Alex Higinbotham
COMMITTEE: Grant Husman

PUBLIC
RELATIONS

WEBSITE: Jeremy Bruder
SOCIAL MEDIA: Andrew Wade

SORORITY RELATIONS

CHAIRMAN: Collin Renth
COMMITTEE: Luke Mathews

SOCIAL

CHAIRMAN: Corey Jolitz
COMMITTEE: James Holloway
COMMITTEE: Paul McGhee

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHAIRMAN: Caleb Fricano
COMMITTEE: Kyle Schnell

2ND IMC (INTERNAL VP)

Zach Murphy

ALUMNI RELATIONS

CHAIRMAN: Thomas Himmelberg
COMMITTEE: Kyle Schnell
COMMITTEE: Joe Early

BROTHERHOOD

CHAIRMAN: Zach Farniok
COMMITTEE: Luke Schneiders

COMPUTERS

CHAIRMAN: Brendan Curran
COMMITTEE: Nick Fouché

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CHAIRMAN: Michael Meyer

FUNDRAISING

CHAIRMAN: Andrew Pavlik
COMMITTEE: Evan Miller
COMMITTEE: Aaron Walters

HISTORIAN

CHAIRMAN: Evan Miller
COMMITTEE: Zach Monroe

PARENT'S CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Aaron Walters

SCHOLARSHIP

CHAIRMAN: Brandon Eisenbath
COMMITTEE: Norb Stausebach

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SMC: Scott Schroer

1ST IMC: Rob Pearson

2ND IMC: Zach Murphy

ThC: Joe Early

SC: Connor Kirtley

HOUSE MANAGER: Scotty Palmer

**NEW MEMBER PLEDGE
EDUCATOR:** Tyler Jaegers

DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT: Will Wyne

VP—RISK MANAGEMENT: Tyler Ferrell



FALL 2016 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Seated, from left: Connor Kirtley (AK '13), Scott Shroer (AK '14), Joe Early (AK '15).
Standing, from left: William Wyne (AK '14), Tyler Jagers (AK '13), Scotty Palmer (AK '14), Rob Pearson (AK '13), Zach Murphy (AK '14)

INTRAMURALS



The softball team ends their incredible season with a finish of 7-0!

After getting back on track last year with our 15th intramural championship in the last 16 years, Alpha Kappa jumped out to an early and dominant lead to start the 2016-2017 campaign. This semester's intramural sports included softball, flag football, volleyball, floor hockey, ultimate frisbee, futsal, swimming, golf, badminton, disc golf, and billiards. We fielded multiple teams for every sport and up to 5 teams for major sports. Brothers from every pledge class participated and contributed to the chapter's dedication to athletic excellence. The fall 2016 pledge class was especially integral to the chapter's success, having multiple pledge brothers on every Pikes A team. It is exciting and promising to see as much motivation and talent as the new members have exhibited this semester.

The softball team started the semester off with an incredible season, running the table to finish 7-0 while cruising to an all-campus championship. The flag football team improved significantly this year as well. The team boasted a dominant passing attack lead by senior Logan Fitch (AK '12) at quarterback, and junior Rob Pearson (AK '13) and freshman Matt Hagan (AK '16) at wide receiver. With a formidable defense in the arsenal as well, the team went on to finish in first place, claiming AK second all-campus championship of the semester. Our volleyball team put together dominant performances in route to the semifinals where they lost a heartbreaking third set to Sigma Nu. The volleyball team will return multiple starters next year and look to improve their standing on campus.

Curt Gielow (AK '12) placed 1st in badminton singles. Tommy Zoellner (AK '15) and Martin Vaupel (AK '15) placed 1st in badminton doubles. Angelo Encapara (AK '12) and Will Castillo (AK '13) placed 2nd in golf. Jared Pechette (AK '15) placed 2nd in the billiards tournament. Ted Leonard (AK '11) and A.J. Cuccio (AK '11) placed 2nd in the disc golf tournament. The swim team posted a second place finish, and the ultimate frisbee team finished second as well.

Overall, the chapter continues to settle for nothing but the best on the intramural fields. Off to a convincing start, we are well on our way to another intramural championship.

Football



Brody Bouillon (AK '14) runs past a defender during Pikes A Flag Football.



Pikes A Softball and Football secured overall campus championships in 2016.

Volleyball



Luke Schnieders (AK '15) spikes a volleyball for Pikes A.



Matt Hagan (AK '16) leaps for a pass during Pikes A Flag Football.



NEW INITIATES & PLEDGES

This fall Alpha Kappa initiated 28 men into the bonds of the fraternity. This class has big shoes to fill left by all those who have come before them; however, they have consistently set the bar higher for themselves. As a whole they represent the best qualities of SLAG, having an average GPA higher than the all men's average, heavy contributions in Pikes A intramurals, and striving to improve upon the chapter. The new initiates started participating early this year with significant contributions in our Greek Week win and our clean sweep during homecoming. They represented the

chapter very well during two service trips, including the new trip, Pedal the Cause. They also took part in a very successful pledge retreat, learning about the chapter structure and the fraternal bond they would be entering. The chapter is excited to see what these young men will make of Alpha Kappa. The theme throughout their pledgship was that the fraternity can become whatever they want it to be. The class took this on their shoulders and is excited to push the chapter to new heights.



Class of May 2016



On Saturday, May, 14, 2016, thirteen members of Alpha Kappa graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology. These well-rounded men served the fraternity and Missouri S&T by holding many leadership positions in the house and on campus. We wish them the best of luck, and will look forward to seeing them serve as Alpha Kappa alumni in the future.

CRAIG CLARK Biological Sciences



Craig served AK as Parent's Club, Exterior, and Scholarship chair. He currently works for MilliporeSigma in St. Louis, MO as a Biochemical Technician.

COREY HALE Mining Engineering



Corey served on ingress and as MC and Houseman for AK. He also held recycling, community service, public relations, fix it, and assistant houseman chairs. Corey is currently the maintenance manager at a mine in Indianapolis, IN, owned by Martin Marietta.

LEVI ROSS Mechanical Engineering



Levi was recycling chair for AK and was a member of ASME, Trap and Skeet, and SPE. He currently works at Leggett & Platt Machine Products.

ANGELO ENCAPERA Petroleum Engineering



He served as Campus Involvement chair and Treasurer for AK and Secretary, Vice President, and President for Society of Petroleum Engineers. Angelo played one year of varsity baseball and is currently pursuing a Masters in Systems Engineering and a graduate research assistant.

JEFFREY KRAMER HALL Mining Engineering



Kramer was Brotherhood and Community Service chair for AK. He also was a member of SME and a varsity soccer player for four years. Kramer is pursuing a PhD in Mining Engineering and studying deep geological nuclear waste disposal.

DANNY TANKSLEY Engineering Management



Danny currently works for Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis, MO, as a Group Manager.

TY THOMPSON Mechanical Engineering



Ty served as AK Brotherhood Chair. He also served as President of Society of Manufacturing Engineers and President of club baseball. He played one year of varsity baseball and is currently working for Kiewit Power Constructors as a Combustion Turbine Generator Field Engineer.

GARRETT ESKENS Civil & Architectural Engineering



Garrett served AK as judicial board chair, VP of AGC and a member of ASCE and AEI. Garrett currently works for Turner Construction Company as an assistant superintendent/field engineer in Kansas City.

JOE MILLER Civil & Architectural Engineering



Joe served as Historian, Webmaster, Duties Chair, and Houseman for AK. He was also heavily involved with Theta Tau Omega serving as Philanthropy, Scholarship, VP, and President. Joe was VP and President of the Missouri S&T Rugby team and a member of Order of Omega. He currently works for ARCO Construction Company in St. Louis, MO, as a Project Manager.

MAXI FUCHS Applied Math & Economics



Maxi played varsity soccer for four years and was a member of the Math club, International Students club as well as VP of the Actuarial Science club. He is currently completing his MSC in Applied Math at the University of Glasgow.

TANNER NELSON Mining Engineering



Tanner served as AK steward. He is currently living in Atlanta, GA employed by Martin Marietta as a management associate.

JONATHAN WILMES Mechanical Engineering



Jonathan currently works for General Motors in St. Louis, MO.

JACOB ZIMMERMAN Ceramic Engineering



Jacob served AK as Secretary. He was also involved with Theta Tau Omega on campus. He currently works for Kohler Kitchen and Bath as a Ceramic Project Engineer.

brotherhood SPOTLIGHT



This summer, I had the opportunity to work at Tesla's Gigafactory located in Reno, NV. I was placed in the New Product Introduction group, which dealt with prototype builds, manufacturing lines and processes, and new product launches. Contrary to what many might think, I was not working with electric vehicles, but rather Tesla Energy Products.

SCOTTY PALMER (AK '14)

Throughout the summer, I took the lead on multiple product builds, while assisting with other product lines. The Industrial Inverter Cabinet, and Industrial Inverter Module were the two major products I was involved in. These two products are integrated with Tesla's Powerpacks. The Inverter Cabinet can hold up to 10 modules, which can connect to up to 20 Powerpacks. These bi-directional inverters prove to be very useful in industrial/commercial applications. In other words, it can convert grid power (AC) to DC power for storage in a Powerpack. However, when power is needed, the Inverter will convert the DC power from the Powerpack to AC power. Once the power is converted to AC, an individual can use this to power their homes.

After the products go through A-Build and B-Build in California, the energy products are sent to Tesla's Gigafactory for C-Build, D-Build, and Start of Production

(SOP). As a way of improving the efficiency, quality, and reliability of a product, the units built before SOP are tested. Before the new product arrives, I designed and set-up the manufacturing line. Once C-Build started, I was tasked with finding improvements to the process flow, locating possible design issues, and tracking material availability for the build. When problems occurred, I worked closely with design and electrical engineers to modify the product.

Overall, I enjoyed every thing about the job and work environment. Although I worked long hours, and was under an enormous amount of stress, I realized that I was making products that will help change the world. These products will lead us in the right direction towards a more sustainable future. Looking back, I am very grateful for the opportunity to work for Tesla, and I am excited to see where my career takes me.

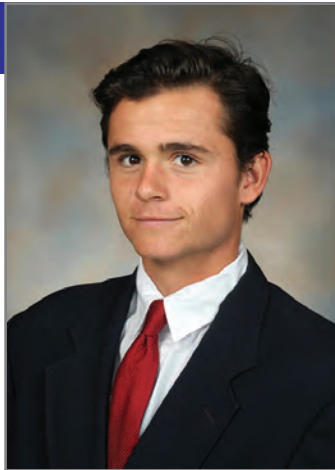
Brother Scotty Palmer (AK '14) worked as an intern at Tesla's Gigafactory in Reno, Nevada.



David Murphy

After being a part of Pi Kappa Alpha and living in house for the past three semesters I have been extremely honored to receive multiple scholarships including the Karl R. Morgan scholarship this year. My parents and I are extremely grateful to the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation for their support of my academics and athletics at S&T. I

understand that it can be a challenge for the alumni to give back year after year, but I want them to understand how appreciative each and every one of us is of their generosity and support. Being a student athlete is quite the time commitment, but with Pike encouraging each of its student athletes, it helps reinforce my commitment to this house.



Jonathon Schliem

This semester I was generously awarded the R.V. Wolf Scholarship along with GPA and Officer scholarships from the previous semester. The scholarships awarded to me by the generous Alpha Kappa Alumni has assisted in sustaining my financial peace of mind. Having to work part time during the school year, these scholarships truly help by giving me that extra fiscal cushion,

and allow me to spend more time on my studies. I would like to thank my amazing brothers for electing me as the recipient of the R.V. Wolf Award, and I would also like to thank the most generous Brother Al Wentz as well as the Alpha Kappa Alumni Association. These scholarships have assisted me in many ways and my gratitude knows no end.



Hector Trevino

Although I am only in my second semester at Pi Kappa Alpha, the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation has already made a mark on my career here at Missouri S&T. After taking part in two scholarship presentations, it is very easy to see the support the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation gives to the Alpha Kappa Chapter. Their support motivates me and the other members of our fraternity to strive for greatness in the classroom, and to make the house as successful as possible. They offer scholarships for taking leadership roles

within the chapter house, GPA, among many other things. I was honored to be awarded the Bernie Rippert Scholarship; a scholarship awarded to a person who exemplifies leadership within the most recent pledge class. Receiving this scholarship continues to motivate me to get involved within the house and improve my leadership skills even further. I, as well as every member of this chapter, am very thankful for all the Alpha Kappa Education Foundation does for this fraternity.



Brothers Luke Mathews (AK '15), Chris Murphy (AK '15), and Alex Higinbotham (AK '14) receive the Robert and Mylla Markland Scholarship.

SCHOLASTIC Awards

GPA Scholarships

GPA AWARD

3.8 – 4.0

William Castillo
Brendan Curran
Zachary Farniok
Logan Fitch
Alex Higinbotham
James Holloway
Corey Jolitz
Martin Klevjer
David Murphy
Sean Murphy
Zach Murphy
Jared Pechette
Timothy Schmitt
Jonah Walker
Neil Wiaranowski

3.2 – 3.49

Zach Duran
Tyler Ferrell
James Gleeson
Joseph Henderson
Dylan Holdenried
Matthew Kilwin
Connor Kirtley
James Kvesic
Paul McGhee
Joshua Mefford
Mitchell Morris
Aaron Walters

WHITE GPA AWARD

3.8 – 4.0

Joseph Early
Chris Murphy
Luke Schnieders
3.5 – 3.79
Sam Geers
Thomas Himmelberg
Troy Kahle
Eric Roettger
3.2 – 3.49
Evan Miller
Danny Moeller
Austin Powell
Collin Renth
Geoffrey Steinhart
Martin Vaupel

ROBERT & NORA WHITE

Sam Geers

MARK THOMPSON

Scotty Palmer

ROBERT V. WOLF

Jon Schliem

THOMAS FRISBEE

Timothy Schmitt

DAVID C. GRIMM

Joseph Early
Dylan Holdenried
Danny Moeller
Jared Pechette

WILLIAM A. KRUGER

Mitchell Morris
Scott Schroer

KARL R. MORGAN

David Murphy

MYERS/ COLOBATTO

James Holloway

CHARLES A. WENTZ, JR.

Joaquin Alarcon
Thomas Bucinski
Alex Higinbotham
Zach Murphy
Robert Pearson
Adam Richter
Chris Zdvorak

CHARLES A. WENTZ JR. — KAPERS

William Castillo
Dylan Holdenreid
Josh Mefford
Zach Murphy
Scotty Palmer
Jon Schliem

CHRISTOPHER RAMSAY

Robert Pearson

Leadership Awards

RICHARD & SHIRLEY BAUER

Brendan Curran
Zach Farniok
Josh Mefford
Luke Schneiders
Zach Wilson

ROBERT & MYLLA MARKLAND

Alex Higinbotham
Luke Mathews
Chris Murphy
David Murphy

JOHN C. LATZER

Kirby Phillips
Zach Tuhoski

DALE & PATRICIA SPENCE

Tommy Wieschhaus

INTRAMURAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Logan Fitch

RON & JANICE MILLER

Anthony Betcher
Brody Bouillon
Brad Gilmer
Ted Leonard
Drew Pavlik

JARED M. ALYEA

Zach Wilson

CHARLES P. DREBES

Will Wyne

CHARLES R. HUBBARD

Nicholas Posey
Bernie Rippert
Hector Trevino
Perrin Roller
Martin Klevjer

JERROLD M. ALYEA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Joe Henderson

OFFICER SCHOLARSHIPS

William Castillo
Zach Farniok
Tyler Ferrell
Dylan Holdenreid
Josh Mefford
Scotty Palmer
Jon Schliem

GEVECKER FAMILY

Brandon Jaegers
Creighton Miles
Davis Perry
Thomas Taglieri

RUSSELL A. GUND

William Castillo

AKAA Notes

At the Semi Annual Pi Kappa Alpha Convention in New Orleans this summer, The Alpha Kappa Alumni Association was awarded the William R. Nester Award for Outstanding Alumni Association. Approximately 10% of the current 155 alumni associations were given the award. Many thanks to Al Wentz who worked diligently to gather the information needed to complete the application in a thorough manner. Although we are pleased to receive this recognition, there is plenty for us to do.

As of this writing (November 2015) we have just begun the process of establishing a website for the AA and links to the other three Alumni entities (House Corporation, Educational Foundation and Advisory Board). Please go to the Active Chapter website (akpikes.org) and click on the "Alumni" menu item to see our progress. There is now information on AA Officers and contact information, link to the AA facebook page, and access to the past 14 editions of Kapers.

Future enhancements will include upcoming events, a way to update your contact information, Alumni lists, links to other related Alpha Kappa and Pi Kappa Alpha websites (Alpha Kappa Linked-In Group), photo upload capabilities, and more. If you have any ideas for the website, please send them to the AA email address – pika.akaa@gmail.com.

We have been fortunate to have Brothers come forward to help with the Alumni Association in the past few months. Kyle Sneed has stepped up to be Philanthropy and Fund Raising Chairman. He will be focusing on ways to involve Alumni with Charitable endeavors and coming up with ways to make it easy for Alumni to contribute where they see fit. Matthew Brooks is Communications Chairman and is spearheading the AA website. He is working closely with the Active Chapter on the nuts and bolts as well as the four Alpha Kappa Alumni entities. Additional help is always needed and gratefully accepted. If interested in getting involved with the Alumni Association simply drop us an email.

PIKE U

In November, the 28 new initiates along with brothers Scott Schroer (AK'14) and Tyler Jaegers (AK'13) attended the Pike University Leadership Summit in Kansas City.

Pike chapter from all across the Midwest packed the event. The attendees took part in sessions regarding recruitment, risk management and the fraternity as an international operation. The brothers were also blessed to attend a presentation on chapter rituals from our very own Chris Ramsay.

Over all, the young guys put together a very impressive showing. They were very attentive, sat in the front row of all of the sessions, and represented Alpha Kappa extremely well. The event perfectly showcased the strong future that Alpha Kappa has in store.

PHOTO:
This year, 30 members of Alpha Kappa attended Pike University in Kansas City.

executive RETREAT



Members of Alpha Kappa's executive board and alumni discuss fraternity business at the retreat.

It was a crisp December night when Alpha Kappa's new and outgoing executive board met with members of Housing Corporation, Educational Foundation, and Alumni Association at the Holiday Inn in Eureka, Missouri. It is tradition that the fall Exec retreat is held at this hotel, rather than at the Havener Center in Rolla in order to lessen the travel burden on the alumni based out of the Saint Louis area as well as expose the young exec members to a business conference style event. The night was kicked off with Dominos pizza, snacks, and soda for dinner in the hospitality room of the

hotel. As with all exec retreats, the outgoing executive council reported on successes and failures throughout the semester as well as provided insight and recommendations for the new executive council. The incoming exec gave insight into their plans and aspirations for the semester. All three alumni entities gave reports and thoughtful discussion ensued. After a long meeting that lasted well into the night, many of the members enjoyed a relaxing dip in the hot tub before bed. Without doubt, exec retreat is one of the highlights of the semester for executive members.

Josh Heger (AK '06)

IRONMAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TRIATHLON

KAILUA KONA, HAWAII



Racing the Ironman World Championship was strongly enabled by my time at Alpha Kappa. Numerous Alpha Kappa brothers would have never gotten into the sport if it wasn't for Brother Alex Miear completing Ironman New York back in 2012, also leading myself to the sport of triathlon.

Completing 2.4 miles of swimming, 112 miles of biking, and 26.2 miles of running back to back quite simply requires grit. Fortunately, the time I spent down at Rolla built a lot of grit in myself. An Ironman, similar to school, is going beat you up, break you down and test your ability to pull it all back together to perform something extraordinary. I am not a naturally talented athlete; I learned how to swim 4 years ago and spent most of college doing anything besides running and cycling. With grit and support from numerous brothers I was able to rise through the sport to earn the opportunity to race in the World Championships.



CHARLES MARSH (SIDEBOTTOM) AK '76

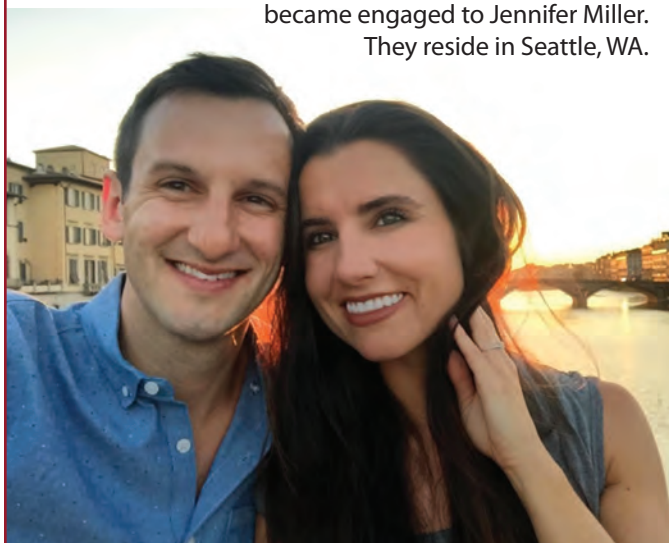
here with wife and five of six of his children and two sons-in-law resides on Lake Murray in SC, just outside of Columbia. He is currently a partner in C3 consulting and a board member for the Academy of Computer Science at MS&T. He is already planning to return to Rolla for next year's homecoming...so "lets get a group together fellas!"



BRIAN VAUGHN has accepted a Solutions Engineering role with Current, a first-of-its-kind energy company, where world-class hardware technology meets unprecedented software technology, combining GE's LED, Solar, Energy Storage and Electric Vehicle capabilities with a Predix platform to deliver a 21st-century energy ecosystem to customers. The goal is making energy sustainable, resilient and reliable and creating a new world of possibilities for intelligent environments along with helping customers reduce, produce, shift and optimize to transform their businesses and lives.

PHILIP SCHLOSS (AK '03)

became engaged to Jennifer Miller. They reside in Seattle, WA.



CHARLES BLASCHKE IV

The beautiful Celine Salman and I got married at Castle Sant Marcel in Barcelona Spain on August 6, 2016. There were 230 guests, 10 Pikes and their significant others that made the trip to Spain.



LANCE WEINMANN is happy to announce his new baby girl, Linden Elle Weinmann. She came into the world on November 3, 2016 at 8.00lb and 21.25in. Mom and baby are both in great health.



DAN DAEGLING

and his wife Ashley Daegling had their 2nd child. His name is Camden Thomas Daegling born on March 21, 2016 weighing 8 lbs 12 oz and 21.5" long. He joins big sister Kinsley Jo Daegling who turned two on November 12, 2016.

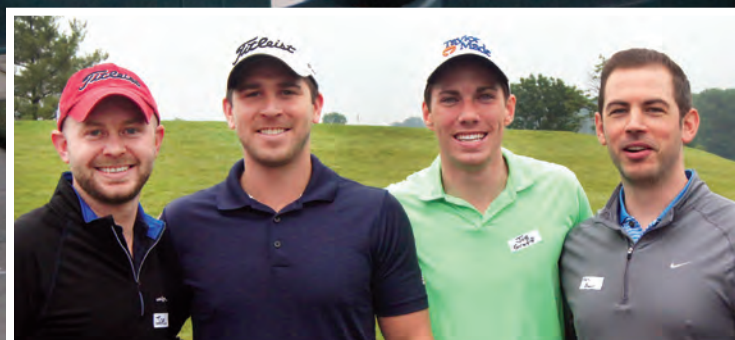


Pikes warming up on the driving range.



AK GOLF SCRAMBLE

Although the 5th of June was a gloomy morning in Maryland Heights, the brothers of Alpha Kappa were not discouraged from having a great day at the Quarry at Crystal Springs. Thirty-six men, the best turnout in five years, came out to enjoy the comradery of brotherhood while supporting the Alpha Kappa Alumni Association. The golf outing proved to be a proper time for actives and alumni to come together and reminisce on days gone by as well as celebrate the recent domination of Alpha Kappa. Although only one team was crowned champion with a low score of 63, everyone that came out was able to feel like an active brother once again. The winning foursome was Neil Fear, Joel Burke, Ken Baer, and Joe Graf who won 15 golf balls, a BallZee brand ball washer, and a \$25 Home Depot gift card. Longest drive went to Tim Dalton and closest to the pin went to Neil Fehr. AK plans to have the tournament at the same location this summer. A big shout out to Charlie Klumb for once again organizing this event and his continued dedication to the AKAA. Every Alpha Kappa appreciates his hard work.



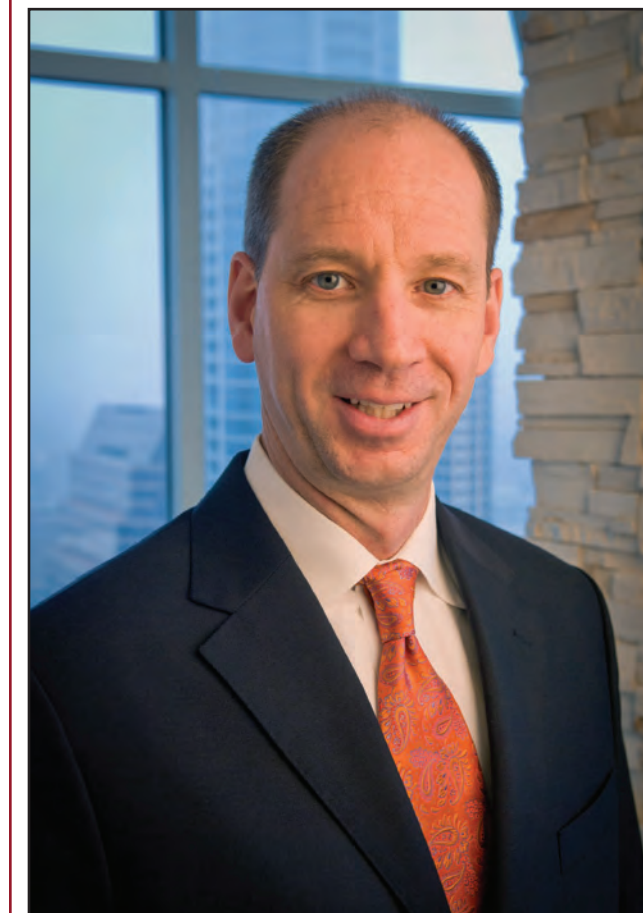
TOP: Neil Fear, Joel Burke, Ken Baer, and Joe Graf, the winning foursome
LOWER: Brothers Pisoni, Franklin, Trautman and Johnson

AKAA Roster — 8 A.M., June 4th, 2016

Tim Dalton, Kirby Phillips, Erik Schou, Randy Bergner
Tim Scanlon, Bob Scanlon, Jake Scanlon, John Hohenberger
Jim Poncirolli, Fred Hohenberger, Glenn Phillips, Tom Castro
Charlie Klumb, Robert Van Camp, Steve Penberthy, Greg Klumb
TK Cronin, Andy Reitter, Ben Schnurbusch, Mike Hayes
Bob Kallmeier, Bob Sieckhaus, Roger Nekula, Phil Jozwiak
Darin Franklin, Rick Johnson, J, im Pisoni, Tom Trautman
Neil Fehr, Joel Burke, Ken Baer, Joe Graf
Dean Berger, Elmer Schneider, Phil Columbatto, Dan Boyce

alumni SPOTLIGHT

MARK WARNER



The Board of Directors for the University of Texas Investment Management Co. voted unanimously to select Mark Warner as its interim chief executive officer and chief investment officer. Warner will step into the position held by Bruce Zimmerman, who announced that he is stepping down after nearly a decade at the helm of UTIMCO, the investment management arm of the endowment that benefits both the University of Texas and Texas A&M systems. Warner joined UTIMCO in 2007 to manage the natural resources portfolio and most recently served as the senior managing director, with broad responsibilities for several portfolios including emerging markets and private equity, as well as aspects of management of the firm.

During his tenure at UTIMCO, he has become well established as an institutional investor on a global basis and has led the investment team's efforts in forging unique partnerships and in co-investing alongside the endowment's partners in a variety of industry sectors on multiple continents.

Created in 1996, UTIMCO is the first 501(c)(3) investment corporation formed by a public university and under the authority of the UT System Board of Regents invests a number of funds, including the Permanent University Fund, currently valued at \$17.9 billion. Total assets under UTIMCO management now total just under \$37 billion.

Funds under UTIMCO's management comprise the third largest university endowment in the nation, behind endowments

held by Harvard and Yale. During the past year, UTIMCO's investment returns ranked as the 9th best among the 64 U.S. endowments of \$1 billion or more in assets.

When asked how his experiences at Pi Kappa Alpha in Rolla contributed to his success, Warner responded with the following:

"My time at 9th and Bishop, where I lived in the house for all four years, (serving as rush chairman and steward) was important and full of formative experiences. It was my first taste of working in a group and learning practical lessons in leadership. I watched as brothers such as Kirk Avery, Glenn Heil, Charlie Klumb and Allen Moore helped lead us through some challenging times in the history of, then, UMR and the Pike House. I also learned to have fun along the way, which is an aspect of fraternity life that can get overlooked sometimes in pursuit of goals. I was a Geological Engineering major and I grew up in Rolla. My dad, Don Warner, was the Dean of UMR's school of Mines and Metallurgy, so I was joining the family business in some respects. I have watched with pride as the AK's have gone on to excel in every respect and I appreciate the continued involvement of many of the brothers from my day, such as Steve Penberthy, David Zimmerman and Mr. Klumb and the unparalleled leadership of Chris Ramsay. I'm glad I'm a Pi K A - hey!"

—Mark Warner

Distinguished ALPHA KAPPA ALUMNI

BOB MARKLAND

I am thrilled, honored and most importantly very humbled to have been chosen to be a recipient of this award. Humbled to be selected with the other outstanding alumni brothers chosen for this recognition. I am also aware that there are many other worthy alumni brothers and hopefully, we will be able to make additional awards in the future. Finally, I would note that at my age I am pleased to receive any award and happy to be alive to receive it!

As a loyal Alpha Kappa alumnus I am constantly amazed and gratified by the continual high level of achievement of this chapter—you certainly make us alumni proud. In particular, I am very impressed by your dedication to public service. This dedication to public service will serve you well throughout your career. I also always look forward to receiving Alpha Kapa Kapers as it is a first rate publications in both content and layout. Given that it is published by engineering students, not journalism majors, makes it an even more remarkable accomplishment.

I transferred to the Missouri School of Mines (now MUST) from the University of Cincinnati in 1961, changing my major from Electrical Engineering to Civil Engineering. Frankly, I was not a very good student in Electrical Engineering—Kirchoff's Law was something I broke often. My coming to school at Rolla was basically a redemption. A major force in my redemption was the Alpha Kappa chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. I was immediately accepted, indeed embraced, by the brothers of Alpha Kappa. A day after my arrival I was out practicing IM football with my new brothers, and soon thereafter I experienced, and survived, my first party weekend. I was also fortunate in that I was preceded in my transfer, by one year by my "Big Brother" from the University of Cincinnati, Bob Kallemeier, who helped me a great deal. In the classroom I also had great support from various brothers and received good advice on what professors and courses to take—I also formed good study groups in the house. In Civil Engineering I had many great professors, two of the most notable being Paul Munger and Jerry Bayliss. I eventually did well in Civil Engineering, graduated cum laude, and was elected to Chi Epsilon. The chapter also gave me service and leadership opportunities and I served as Treasurer, Vice President (under President Scott Carriere) and Rush Chair. Informally, I became a party weekend band "booking agent" a job which led me to some interesting night clubs! My two years at Rolla were quite simply a great experience, as I developed many lifetime friendships. A few years ago, Brother Bob Brockhaus hosted a group of AK brothers at his condo at Islamarado in the Florida Keys. Brothers in attendance included Jim Van Buren, Jerry Alyea, Bob Markland, and Bob Brockhaus. We spent several enjoyable days talking and laughing about the "old days" at AK and went deep sea fishing. It was a memorable event, made more so by the fact that we all had graduated from MUST more than 50 years earlier. Truly, brotherhood is a lifetime experience.

Upon graduation I had an opportunity to do a MBA at Washington University, with a nice fellowship. My intention was to use the MBA to eventually move into an engineering administration job. Finishing

my MBA in 1965, I went to work for Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY as a Cost Engineer. After two years at Eastman Kodak I decided what I really wanted to do was become a college professor. Returning to Washington University, under a Ford Foundation Fellowship, I completed my doctorate in 1969. For my doctorate I specialized in Operations Research, now known as Business Analytics (used extensively by professional sports teams, including the Cardinals). My coursework was done in applied math and computer science—very close to engineering. My Rolla undergraduate training was critical to my able to complete my doctorate.

I then embarked on a 41 year career in higher education, and taught at the University of Missouri – St. Louis, Arizona State University, and the University of South Carolina (31 year as a "Gamecock"). I played, and enjoyed, the academic "publish or perish game", and wrote a lot of academic papers, four books, and made numerous professional presentations. I was blessed to have been a B-school professor during a time when business schools thrived and prospered. At the USC Moore School I was awarded a chair. I had many great students, 25 of which completed their PhD's under my direction. I was able to teach in about 13 foreign countries (including Vienna, Austria three times) because of the Moore Schools' strong international business emphasis. I taught a variety of quantitative methods courses, all of which had a scientific method focus. So, I was never far removed from my Rolla roots.

During my career at the Moore School I was constantly involved in administrative work. I spent 17 years the Department Chair – Management Science, and 14 years in two Associate Dean positions. I also was the Executive Director of the Business Partnership Foundation, the Moore School's private money entity for 5 years.

I enjoyed professional activities and was heavily involved, in particular, with the Decision Sciences Institute. I served as the President of DSI, was elected as a Fellow of DSI, received its Distinguished Service Award and was the Editor of its flagship journal, Decision Sciences, for six years. I also served as a consultant to Ralston Purina (8 years), Williams Pipeline, the RAND Corporation, and several large banks. My consulting assignments invariably required technical report writing, another skill that I began to develop as an undergraduate student.

From a personal perspective I have been married to my wife for 51 years. The secret to our long marriage—two words spoken often by me: "Yes, dear". She was President of her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, at Southeast Missouri State University and was the AK St. Pat's queen candidate in 1963. She had a long career as a high school science teacher and guidance counselor. We are active in our church, and I/we have been on several church mission trips (Hurricane Katrina relief, Hurricane Sandy relief, to rural coal mining areas in Appalachia, and

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BIEDERMAN RECEIVES

During the 2016 Homecoming festivities, Steve Biederman was announced as the recipient of the Robert V. Wolf Loyalty Award in recognition of distinguished leadership and outstanding services to the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Steve was initiated into the bonds in 1968 and served Alpha Kappa Chapter as Secretary, Steward and IMC. He graduated from UMR in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Besides his involvement with the Chapter, Steve was also active in other campus organizations such as Blue Key, Theta Tau, Rollamo and the American Society of Civil Engineers and was listed in the 1971-1972 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Steve was a three year varsity baseball letterman and was inducted into the UMR Sports Hall of Fame in 1999. Steve was recognized with a second induction in 2001 with all members of the 1972 baseball team, which won the MIAA championship that year and earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament. Steve was a career .358 hitter with the Miner team and won honorable mention All-American honors during the 1972 season when he led the team in hitting with a .383 average and won All-Conference honors for a second time. Steve was named to the All-District team and to the Topps All-Star team as a third baseman. In 2015, Steve was inducted into the Academy of Miner Athletics.

Steve began his construction career in 1972 with Fru-Con Construction Corp. as a project engineer, was promoted to Project Manager and eventually to Operations Manager. In 2002, Steve ended his 30 year association with Fru-Con and accepted a position as Senior Project Manager with Walton Construction Company in their newly opened St. Louis office. He became President of the St. Louis office and the East Region in 2007, holding that position until his retirement from Walton in 2010. Steve was involved in industrial, power, commercial, retail, educational, and healthcare projects throughout the United States and was part of project management teams that were recognized by their respective companies for their outstanding performances related to cost control, schedule, safety and innovation.

(BOB MARKLAND CONTINUED)

to low country poverty areas in South Carolina). We are members of OGS where we have been able to endow a scholarship to benefit AK members. We have two sons and 10 grandchildren—7 live across the street—a true blessing. I enjoy watching sports, working out, travel, reading and food and wine.

As I close my remarks I thank you for allowing this opportunity to share some of my lifetime experiences. I have had a truly

WOLF LOYALTY AWARD

Steve has been married since 1972 to Linda Biederman (nee Wollard), a 1974 UMR graduate, and they have two married daughters, Stacey and Kimberly, and three grandsons, Wyatt, Gabriel and Christian. In 2008, Steve was selected by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LSS) Gateway Chapter as the Corporate Chairperson for the annual Light The Night Walk in

St. Louis. He served on the LSS Executive Committee for the annual walk from 2007-2013 and continues to organize and co-chair a team with his wife each year for the walk. In retirement, Steve volunteers as a courier at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis and also volunteers as an OASIS intergenerational tutor in the Rockwood School District. Since 2012, Steve has served as a member of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity's House Corporation Board of Directors, with his primary responsibility being the contact between the HC and the Chapter House Manager for coordinating on-going maintenance work and other House improvements throughout the years. Linda and Steve enjoy traveling, attending St. Louis Cardinals baseball games, golfing, hiking and spending time with family and friends.



wonderful life for which I am very thankful. As I said initially, my academic career and ultimately my life was redeemed in a large measure by the brotherhood of the Alpha Kappa chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. Finally, I am truly thankful and honored to have been chosen as an Alpha Kappa Distinguished Alumni.

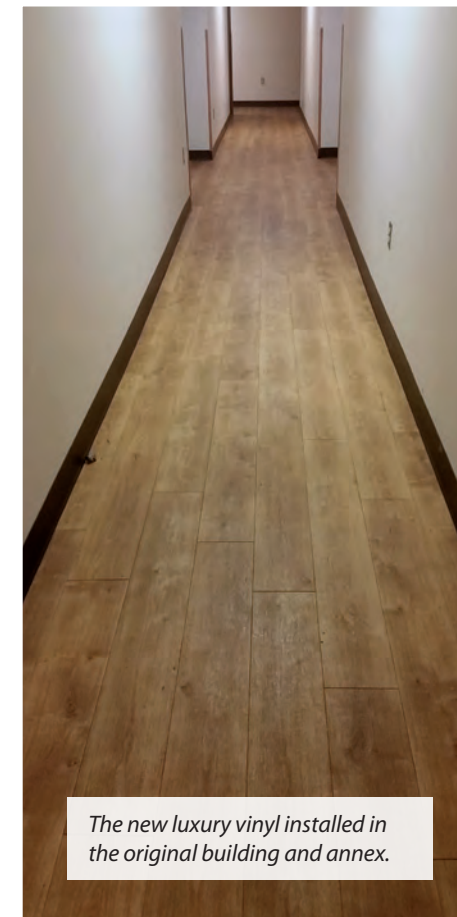
—Bob Markland

2016 SUMMER WORK

During the Founders Day meeting in March, the House Corporation and Active Chapter finalized the plans and budget for the 2016 summer work activities. Thomas Bucinski (AK '14) was chosen as the summer house manager and he selected five brothers to assist him with completing various scopes of work. Their tasks included general clean-up (both interior and exterior), washing and waxing of floors, minor paint touch-up and exterior lawn maintenance. There were two significant expenditures budgeted during the summer break—first, the House Corporation purchased a total of 46 new sofas, which the summer work crew unloaded and distributed to each of the student's rooms. The new sofas eliminated the need for the brothers to bring their own furniture from home for lounging or relaxation.

Secondly, King-O-Tile was contracted to replace the existing hall carpets in the original building and the annex with luxury vinyl tile (LVT) and new vinyl base. A coordinated effort between Brother Bucinski and King-O-Tile allowed the LVT work to be completed within a two week period without significantly impacting other on-going work activities. Brother Bucinski also served as the local contact for IFS (Air Masters) as they replaced several mechanical (HVAC) equipment items as a result of their preventive maintenance inspection. A new shed was purchased and erected to replace the existing garage demolished during the development of the Wands properties. Two new dryers were purchased and installed to replace two existing dryers that could no longer be economically repaired. The first floor guest men's restroom underwent some drywall revisions. The patio roof was repaired as rotted roof framing and water damaged plywood sheeting was replaced before new asphalt shingles and gutters were installed. Additionally, a broken baluster in the main staircase handrail was replaced; a weekend kitchen cabinet door was re-hung and a door lock was installed; professional painting was done where directed; the Pi-K-A letters were installed on the living room wall and various other minor activities were completed throughout the House as time allowed.

Thanks to Brother Bucinski and his team of brothers for a summer job well done.



The new luxury vinyl installed in the original building and annex.



2016 NESTER AWARD

GOES TO ALPHA KAPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The William R. Nester Award was presented to the AKAA at the 2016 Pi Kappa Alpha International Convention in New Orleans. The annual award recognizes the top ten percent of PiKA chapter-based alumni associations based on structure, communication, and activities.

It acknowledges the alumni association's excellence in activities and events to maintain strong brotherly ties. These activities benefit the Alpha Kappa Chapter, and advance the International Fraternities' Mission, Vision, and Creed. This year's Nester Award is the first ever for the AKAA. It is generally recognized as the "Smythe Award" for PiKA alumni associations, and we aim to continue our success much like the active chapter.



TOP PHOTO (from left): Justin Buck (Executive VP and CEO), Danny Ryan (AK '06), Scott Schroer (AK '14), Will Wyne (AK '14), Al Wentz (AK '54), and Dan Corah attend the Academy in New Orleans. **BOTTOM PHOTO (from left):** John A Bobango, Charles A. Wentz, Jr., Ben Boden, Justin A. Buck.



The gold Pi-K-A letters installed in the living room over the summer.



In the spring of 2015, the AK House Corporation entered into a lease to purchase agreement with the owner of the house next to the chapter house on Ninth Street and a house east of the parking lot on Eighth Street. The owner (who owns many houses in Rolla for student rental) was reluctant to sell these two properties as he would incur large capital gain taxes as the two properties were highly depreciated from a tax perspective.

We sought to acquire these two properties in order to enlarge our parking area as well as to improve the Ninth Street appearance. Also in the summer of 2015, Phi Kappa Theta finished replacing their chapter house. In an attempt to create more parking, they removed the house they owned on Eighth Street next to our parking lot. The property which we hoped to acquire was between their proposed new parking lot and their existing parking lot on Eighth Street. We had reached an understanding with Phi Kaps that if we could acquire the house on Eighth Street, we would swap it with the property they owned adjacent to our parking lot. With this exchange of properties, both Phi Kaps and we would have parking lots which were in one unit rather than broken into two pieces.

To accomplish the objective, the houses' owner and the House Corporation agreed that we would lease the two properties at very favorable rates and be able to remove the houses and install a parking lot and lawn on the properties. We also agreed that when the owner found property that he wished to purchase we would then buy these two lots for an agreed upon price within 90

days. (There is a tax code provision that if you purchase new property at a price equal or exceeding the price of property that you sell within six months of the sale you do not pay capital gains tax. This is the provision that allowed us to enter into the lease-to-purchase agreement.) Working with Phi Kaps, the parking lots were constructed so Phi Kaps received one large parking lot and we were able to expanded upon our preexisting parking lot. As a result, the entire long block of Eighth Street from Highway 63 is now parking lots. The western most lot belongs to us and the eastern lot is Phi Kap's.

This summer the owner notified us that he had found a property and he wished to purchase and trigger the sale to us. He preferred to proceed quicker than the requirement provided by the lease-purchase agreement. We agreed to his time schedule if he would provide an interest free loan of \$300,000 until February of 2017. The purpose was to manage our cash flow with rental income from the active chapter and our summer improvement projects and mortgage payments. He agreed.

Beginning in February, we will complete the purchase of these two properties. We will then immediately swap our new title to the Eighth Street parking lot used by Phi Kaps with the title of the Eighth Street parking lot currently owned by Phi Kaps but used as our parking lot. While the appearance of the chapter house property will be the same as it was at the 110th Celebration, we will have taken a significant step in preserving the value of our chapter house property for decades.

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
FOUNDER'S DAY
Schedule

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 Zach Farniok at (618) 975-2806 or ztfzr3@mst.edu.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

All Day
Open House

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH

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

1:00 P.M.
Keynote Speaker

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

All Day
Open House

Please help the active chapter update the alumni database by either filling out the "Alumni Update" below, or by contacting Joe Early by email at jremb7@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 activites 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.

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FOUNDER'S DAY 2017 — R.S.V.P.

Alpha Kappa will be holding a lunch during Homecoming. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

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