

Alpha Kappa Kapers

Spring Semester - 2005



From the President's Desk

A f t e r coming off of a co-op in St. Paul, MN and diving head first into SMC, I realized that this has been another extremely successful year for Alpha Kappa. I appreciate the efforts of a strong executive council team, which included: 1st IMC – Kurt Haslag, 2nd IMC – Ryan Giacoletto, ThC – Mike Schroer, SC



SMC Daegling having fun at the Alumni Golf Outing on April 23rd.

– Phil Schloss, House Manager – Alex Mear, Pledge Master – Joe Grier, and Rush Chairmen – Rob Lichtenberg and Ryan Hiestand.

We have been recognized for our outstanding effort on many different levels on campus. Pi Kappa Alpha is the largest fraternity on campus, exceeding one hundred members. Our commitment to rush has again produced the largest spring pledge class. As a house, our GPA has risen above the all-fraternity average. Furthermore, we achieved our goal of 10,000 hours of community service for the year. We have continued our dominance in intramurals by finishing first among fraternities and second overall. These are some of the many great accomplishments this year; however, I will let the Kapers provide further evidence of our success.

The house truly appreciates the continued support of the House Corporation, the Alumni Association, and the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation. The integration of these groups truly shows how we can achieve higher ideals through collaboration. We hope you enjoy this publication of the Kapers. Please provide any feedback that you may have. The Chapter looks forward to seeing you at the 100th celebration.

φφκκ, Dan Daegling (AK '02)

Ramsay's Corner

What a year this has been. The Active Chapter, House Corporation, Educational Foundation, and Alumni Association have all been active and supportive to make Alpha Kappa truly one of the very best. It has been the committed effort of the Chapter and engaged alumni that allowed AK to bring home the Smythe last summer. The level of activity and commitment has continued, and I expect this "well oiled machine" to repeat and exceed the achievements from last year.

This year, we met several major challenges, but, adversity and struggle make us stronger. A fraternity chapter is a laboratory for young men to take on responsibility and make decisions. Some of the choices made in the last year have been poor ones. Even then, accountability gives us all an opportunity to learn and grow as an organization and as individuals. We make mistakes and fall down from time to time. Then, we get up and positively learn from our experiences.

We are strong and healthy as an organization because we believe. A man has to believe that good always triumphs over evil, that integrity and honesty guide our every action, and that love will never leave us. In short, we believe in phi phi kappa alpha and work to make it the guiding principals of our lives and our Brotherhood. We must strive to make them a part of our every action.

Alpha Kappa has survived and thrived for 100 years because our Brothers believed. We have all seen exceptional times of high achievement and terrible struggle. We now have the obligation and the vision to ensure that Alpha Kappa continues to excel and to enrich the lives of our brothers who will follow us in the next hundred years. We can never "pay it back" to those who brought us to this point, we can "pay it forward" to those brothers yet to come. I believe we will.



Brother Ramsay (AK '90) decked out in his St. Pat's gear on the parade.

φφκκ, Chris Ramsay, (AK '90)

Your Friendly Neighborhood Chapter Advisor, 1994-2024(?)

Alpha Kappa Wins UMR Group Community Service

On April 21st, Pi Kappa Alpha attended the UMR leadership banquet and was awarded the campus Group Community Service Award for their dedication to philanthropic activity. For the year, Alpha Kappa achieved 10,000 hours of service. In addition, we raised \$7,500 for charity. We accomplished these marks through a variety of activities such as sponsoring two Blood Drives, Dodgeball tournament, Halo 2 tournament at TJ, multiple car washes, and Linking Hearts booth at Greek week; organizing the Special Olympics track meet and a Turkey Bash (regional five band concert); hosting a Halloween haunted house; participating in Six Flags work day, Rolla tutor program, Grace Fellowship food drives, and highway clean-ups; helping Meramac Regional Planning Commission remodel multiple homes; and assisting hurricane victims in Florida.

Although community service, is not the mission of Pi Kappa Alpha, the men believe giving back is a substantial component of the fraternity experience. Each year, the Chapter attempts to exceed the previous year's service hours per man. Next year will indeed be a challenge.



Members of the executive council proudly display the group community service award, held by the president, Dan Daegling. (front left to right) Kurt Haslag, Ryan Giacoletto, Phil Schloss, Dan Daegling, Joe Grier, Alex Mear, Rob Lichtenberg, Mike Schroer, Chaz Blaschke IV, and Ryan Hiestand.



Executive Council displaying the Order of Omega award, given to only one chapter who displays the best chapter programming.

First Annual IKA - DOL Dodgeball Tournament

On February 26, the first annual IKA - Delta Omicron Lambda Dodgeball tournament was held at the Gale-Bulmann multipurpose building. Sixteen teams competed in the all-day event. The event was so successful that it will become an annual community service event.



Pictured: Team IKA charging to the center at the beginning of a game. From left to right, Chaz Blaschke IV (AK '04), Joel Schrenk (AK '04), William Kirby (AK '04), and far right Philip Schloss (AK '03).

Pikes Host Special Olympics Track Meet

On April 29th, Alpha Kappa helped Special Olympics facilitate another successful track meet. More than 320 Olympians participated in a variety of track and field events. Teams came from the surrounding Rolla community. About 75 Pikes volunteered on the rainy day running stop watches, measuring distance, calling names, announcing winners, and distributing shirts and medals to the athletes to make this an extremely enjoyable day for the athletes and parents. This is the second year IKA has co-sponsored the event.



Alpha Kappa Contributes to Relief Effort in Florida

January 14, 35 PiKA's, 5 Chi Omega's, and 3 UMR students journeyed to Pensacola, FL for four days assisting hurricane Ivan and Jeanne victims. We cleared brush along highways, removed trees and debris for elderly couples, and cleared the damaged beachfront of waste. Joel Schrenk (AK '04) and Mike Wondel (UMR Wesley House minister) organized the trip. We thank the House Corporation for funding a portion of the transportation.



Hurricane relief workforce returned from a successful trip, collecting 3200 hours of community service.

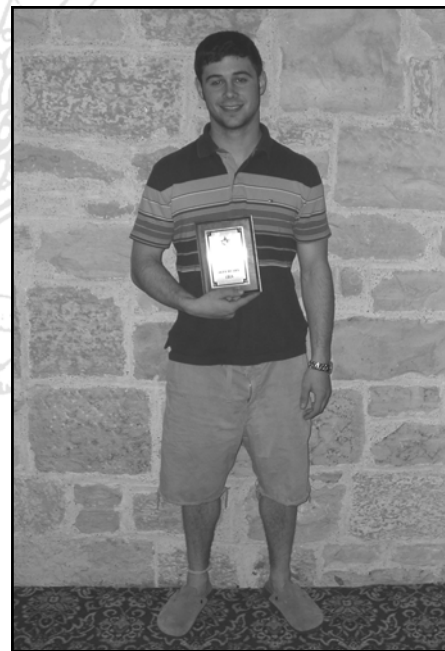
Value of Education Essay

The Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation coordinated with the Rolla Public School District to start the Value of Education Essay Contest. Essays were evaluated on February 7th. On March 24th, 16 students from the Rolla elementary schools, middle school, and high school were presented awards. Special thanks to the alumni who supported the \$700 in awards. This contest started as a way for Alpha Kappa to show their appreciation to the community for their generosity after the fire.



Pictured: Dan Daegling (AK '01), high school recipients and principal, and Dale Spence (AK '97).

Brother Busby Recognized



Brother Jeff Busby (AK '04) received the IFC Baby Representative of the Year award. This award is given to only one member of the Interfraternity Council's sophomore class, and was given to Jeff for his outstanding leadership, fundraising, and work ethic within this organization.

Spring 2005 Pledge Class

The Alpha Kappa spring 2005 pledge class is the largest on campus with 13. During their first semester at UMR, this group achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.4. Six of them are UMR varsity soccer players. They have worked efficiently this semester, raising approximately \$1,200 and completing just under 1000 hours of community service. Kansas State played host to their walk-out adventure. Alpha Kappa is very excited as we look to initiate all of these fine young men.



"A" Team basketball champions. Pictured: (back) Nathan Doubledee, Justin Lightner, Dan Daegling, Phil Chadderton, Brice Adams, Austin Christensen; (front) Robby Belleville, Rob Wright, and Jim Roepke

Pikes Dominate Intramurals

Alpha Kappa has again dominated the spring intramural events. The semester started with A, B, C, and D basketball teams winning their respective divisions, with the C and D teams playing each other for the championship. The soccer team completed their undefeated season on May 4th, winning the championship. Brothers Robbie Belleville (AK '04) and Nick Banes (AK '04) threw their way to a first place finish in washers. Brothers Dale Spence (AK '97), Ryan Giacoletto (AK '03), and Joel Schrenk (AK '04) swatted their way to a third place finish in racquetball. Derek Pelate (AK '04) and Mike Schroer (AK '04) ponged their way to third in hot table tennis action. In the end, Alpha Kappa finished first among fraternities and second overall. In addition, ΠKA started a B team called the "Hooligans" which finished ninth in the overall competition.



A Team soccer displays trophy after an undefeated season.



(Back row, left to right) Drew Huebner, Dan Gravlin, Tom Lawton, Mike Macnamee, Clint Galaske, Tim Neff; (front row, left to right) Josh Young, Keith Beers, Jeff Zuch, Drew Hulse, Joel Burke, Lucas Rottler, Chris Zerr

Fall 2K4 Initiation



On January 24th, 21 of UMR's finest young men were initiated into the bonds of brotherhood. Pictured: (back) Adam Wolf, Matt Staskelunas, Drew Flamm, Brian Amsler, Adam Foreman, Evan Stevens, Joe Roth, Tom Graff, Andrew Arnold, Jerel Bernasek, Neil Fehr, Jeremy Schlosser, Andrew Mais; (front) Kyle Westerheid, Jed Momot, Darrin Smith, Jared Hellebusch, Andrew Binz, Greg Miller, and Ryan Eller; (very front) Ryan Bell

IKA Enjoying St. Pat's 2005 - The Best Ever!



Brother Phil Schloss (AK '03) performed in the greenest man competition.



Brothers Will Kirby (AK '04) and El Presidente (AK '01) decked out Tuesday morning for drivers and donuts.



Brothers Robbie Belleville (AK '04) and Jed Momot (AK '05) showed some St. Pat's spirit prior to Saturday's party at the house.



Brother Harrouff (AK '04) performed a little diddy at the St. Pat's follies, in which he won 1st



Pledge brothers of Fall '03 celebrate St. Pat's in style at Mean Phish, a property rented by the members.



Baby Rep. Darrin Smith (AK '05) and Senior Rep. Alex Mear (AK '04) proudly display their jackets.

IKA Takes Fourth in Greek Sing

The Lifblood - Rush!



On April 16th, Alpha Kappa took fourth place in the Interfraternity Council Greek Sing competition. This was a huge improvement from last years last place finish. (Left to right) Nick Toeller (AK '03), Zach Hammel (AK '04), and Evan Stevens (AK '05).

This semester, Alpha Kappa modified the summer rush program to include two full-time rush chairman, thinking they could provide checks-and-balances, as well as provide the ability to reach more potential rushees. Brothers Ryan Hiestand (AK '04) and Robert Lichtenberg (AK '04) have accepted this summer's rush responsibilities. They have been working diligently and currently have four rushees signed and several bid cards pending. Ryan and Rob, along with other actives, attend each PRO day on campus, participate in Trigonometry review sessions, and give house tours. Their goal for Fall 2005 is to sign 25 to 30 new pledges. Several rush events have been scheduled. Please check out all the events they have planned in the Upcoming Events section.

Second Annual Alumni Golf Tournament



Left picture: Four man scramble winners, from left to right, Derek Pelate (AK '04), Justin Lightner (AK '04), Jerel Bernasek (AK '05) and James Bernasek; Right picture: Second place winners, from left to right, Greg Klumb (AK '81), Charlie Klumb (AK '84), Steve Penberthy (AK '80), and Bob Vancamp (AK '85)

April 23, 2005 was a memorable day when 30 Alpha Kappa alumni and actives (and a couple of Dads) nearly froze at Sugar Creek Golf Club in St. Louis. Despite the arctic-like weather, all had a great time! Prizes were distributed to the first and second place teams as pictured above. Jerel Bernasek (AK '05) won longest drive, while James Bernasek and Phil Jozwiak (AK '88) took the closest to the pin trophies. Other golfers included: Dick Bauer (AK '51), Glenn Phillips (AK '70), Dan Boyce (AK '71), Jim Mocker, Dave Mocker (AK '91), Matt McQuality (AK '93), Jim Van Buren (AK '63), Dean Berger (AK '70), Jim Ponciroli (AK '70), Barry Craig (AK '87), Fred Hohenberger (AK '70), Dan Daegling (AK '01), Chris Swallow (AK '04), Andy Reitter (AK '04), and Alex Mear (AK '04).

Sugar Creek provided a nice lunch, and we warmed up with a few of our favorite beverages. Let's all play again at the Miner Outing June 15! See upcoming events.

David C. Grimm Establishes Endowment

David C. Grimm (AK '50) established a \$100,000 endowment through the MSM-UMR Alumni Association for the benefit of Alpha Kappa members. The endowment will generate 3-\$1,500 scholarships annually. The selection criteria will evaluate the member's GPA, community involvement, campus leadership, and chapter leadership. Recipients will be acknowledged each year at Founders' Day. The Chapter is extremely grateful, and would like to say "thank you."

International Work Day

On April 19th, the brothers of Alpha Kappa and their parents joined together to take part in the IKA International Work Day. Approximately 25 parents, two alumni, and 55 actives came to help beautify the house and the surrounding landscape. Projects included mulching, re-bricking the side and back patio, and various interior projects where needed. In the afternoon, parents joined the brothers on a enjoyable trip the St. James wineries. That evening, everyone relaxed on the patio while barbequing and socializing.



International Work Day crew in front of the Chapter house

Alyea, Latzer & Spence Scholarships Established

The UM Board of Curators formulated a matching gift program to establish need-based scholarship endowments. The UM System will match donor contribution in \$15,000 increments. The UM System and donor contributions will create a \$30,000 endowment that will generate an annual \$1,500 scholarship. UMR received allocation of 61 of these scholarships from the UM System. The UMR Development Office indicates that 47 of these scholarships have been claimed. The donor can designate the criteria for disbursement. Alpha Kappa is ecstatic to report that Jerry Alyea (AK '60) and his wife Judy, John Latzer (AK '61) and his wife Bonnie, and Dale Spence (AK '97) with his wife Patricia have secured three of these scholarships through the UM System to benefit the members of Alpha Kappa. Assistant office positions and committee chairs shall receive priority. Recipients will be acknowledged each year at Founders' Day. If you would like to secure your match before depleted, contact Greg Harris at the UMR Development Office at 573-341-6533. To discuss the program with an AK member, contact Dale Spence at 573-426-2722.

Founder's Day 2005

Saturday, March 5th marked another year for Alpha Kappa celebrating the fraternities glorious founding. Twenty-five alumni traveled to Rolla to hear this year's accomplishments and future focus.

The day began with an AK Educational Foundation meeting, then the House Corporation meeting, followed by the election of the new board for the alumni association. The festivities migrated to the new Havener Center ballroom for the annual banquet. Brother Tim Hogan (AK '02) gave a keynote address, discussing the significance of Alpha Kappa and UMR to his life. He also emphasized the importance of study habits and brotherhood. We appreciate his time and commitment to our beloved fraternity.



Brother Daegling introducing Brother Hogan.

At the banquet, the Educational Foundation distributed over \$22,000 in scholarships to 40 members. The categories included GPA, leadership performance, community service, and campus involvement.



Men of Alpha Kappa display their scholastic awards.



Fall 2004 officer leadership awards. Pictured: Kurt Haslag (AK '04), Chip Moll (AK '02), Thomas Qualls (AK '00), Rob Lichtenberg (AK '04), Jake Rathert (AK '02), and Dylan Gaisford (AK '03).

2005 Award Winners

Leadership Awards

Jacob Rathert
Thomas Qualls
Robert Lichtenberg
Paul Leonard
Kurt Haslag
Dylan Gaisford
Christopher Moll

Charles Wentz Award

Daniel Roth

Russel Gund Award

Nathan Green

Dick & Shirley Bauer Award

David Hill
Alex Mear
Benjamin Schnurbusch
William Kirby

Robert V. Wolf Award

Joesph Grier

Mark H. Thompson Award

Kurt Haslag

Karl R. Morgan Award

Phillip Schloss

William Kruger Award

Charles Blaschke
Joel Schrenk

Intramural Athlete Award

Robert Belleville

Bernie Rippert Award

Ryan Eller

Thomas G. Frisbee Award

Thomas Qualls

Chuck Drebes Award

Adam Koth

Charles R. Hubbard Award

Jerel Bernasek
Andrew Mais

GPA Awards

Robert Wright
Derek Pelate
Andrew Binz
Christopher Moll
Justin Lightner
Nathan Green
Thomas Graff
Michael Schroer
Phillip Schloss
Jeffery Harrouff
Greg Miller
Alex Mear
Eric Dixon
Joel Schrenk
Andrew Reitter
Jerel Bernasek
Nathan Rieger
Andrew Mais
Nick Banes
Macabe Dorman
Evan Stevens
Daniel Roth
Jeffrey Busby
Robert Swacil
Ryan Eller
Adam Daniel
William Kirby
Jared Hellebusch

Pikes Plentiful at Order of the Golden Shillelagh



On April 23rd, eight of the 35 individuals initiated into OGS were members of Alpha Kappa. Out of approximately 830 OGS members, 55 are PiKA's (several shown above) that support UMR and Alpha Kappa via their generous gifts. Congratulations to our eight Brothers: **David C. Grimm** (AK '50), **S. Dale McHenry** (AK '81), **Donald D. Myers** (AK '61), **V. Lee Powell** (AK '55), **Kevin Q. Smith** (AK '82), **Dale A. Spence** (AK '97), **W. Keith Wedge** (AK '70), and **Benjamin P. Winter** (AK '81). Brother **William Kruger** (AK '59) will be added to the OGC roll posthumously for his generous bequests to the UMR Civil Engineering and UMR Athletic Departments.

Brother Ramsay Announces UMR Resignation

Brother Chris Ramsay (AK '90) is resigning after 16 years as a faculty member at UMR. Ramsay will continue to serve as the Chapter Advisor of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of PiKA, even though he will no longer be a member of the faculty. Brother Ramsay is planning to remain in Rolla and work for Ramsay Scientific, Inc., a forensic science and failure analysis company serving industrial clients and working in litigated matters. The PiKA fraternity requires that the Chapter Advisor be a local alumni who is elected by the Active Chapter on a yearly basis, then confirmed by the National Fraternity. Brother Ramsay has served as Chapter Advisor since 1994 when Brother Wolf retired. As long as he continues to be elected, he plans to serve in this capacity; that is, if he can make a contribution to Alpha Kappa. UMR requires that a full time faculty or staff member serve as the Faculty Advisor to any Recognized Student Organization. Ramsay will no longer be able to fill the Faculty Advisor position. **Brother Jim Murphy** (AK '04), who is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UMR, has agreed to step up and serve in this capacity as interim faculty advisor. Thanks Jim!

Gevecker Family Scholarship Established

Alpha Kappa lost a dear friend and supporter with the passing of Mildred Gevecker on January 20th, 2005 at the age of 95. Mildred was the wife of late Vernon A.C. Gevecker (AK '31). A reception for family and friends was held at Alpha Kappa following the service on February 26th, 2005.



The Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation is coordinating efforts with Vernon and Mildred's children, Karl Gevecker and Carol Graves, and their nephew, Robert Gevecker (AK '48) to establish the Gevecker Family Scholarship to memorialize the families many years of commitment to Alpha Kappa. The scholarship will encourage incoming freshman to pursue brotherhood in Pi Kappa Alpha. If you wish to contribute, please send a check payable to the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation, Commerce Trust Company, P.O. Box 11356, St. Louis, MO 63105-0156. Please include 'Gevecker' on the check memo.

AK History Project... Last Call for Sponsors

Printing time is approaching quickly, and more sponsors are needed to join the 88 men and women who have given over \$13,000 to make this project a success. The goal is 200 individuals, donating between \$100 and \$200, or anything in between. Act now! Donations must be received by ASAP to ensure inclusion in the History book as a sponsor. Checks to:

*Mr. Donald D. Myers, Treas.
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P.O. Box 85
Rolla, MO 65402-0085*

The book looks terrific: lots of pictures, memories, facts, names! You will enjoy it! Thanks!

Academy Inductions

Brothers David C. Grimm (AK '50) and W. Keith Wedge (AK '70) were inducted into the Academy of the School of Mines and Metallurgy. Brothers S. Dale McHenry (AK '81) and Richard G. Chapman (AK '70) were inducted into the Academy of the Chemical Engineers. Both Academies held their respective inductions on April 21, 2005. Congratulations to these outstanding alumni for their dedication to their field, their alma mater, and Alpha Kappa.

Upcoming Events

- **May:** Saturday, 21st - **Royals Game @ Kansas City** (starts ~ 6:00 pm) - Post Game Party at Ryan Hiestand's house.
- **May:** Saturday, 28th - **Cardinals Game @ Busch Stadium** in Party Box (starts at 6:15) - Post Game Party at David Hill's house.
- **June:** Friday, 24th - **Cardinals Game @ Busch Stadium** (starts ~ 7:10 pm, tentatively planned depending on interest).
- **July:** Friday, 15th—Sunday 17th - **Float Trip @ Huzzah Valley** (\$60/person for actives and friends).
- **September:** Friday, 30th - **Pi Kappa Alpha Centennial Celebration weekend!!!**

NOTE: Alumni are more than welcome at any rush event. Please check www.akpikes.com for more information. Thank you.

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Graduating Seniors

Jamie Brant (AK '04)
Matt Brooks (AK '04)
Jim Roepke (AK '01)
Rob Wright (AK '02)

Deceased Brothers

1950 - Brother Dennis A. Frey (AK '59) passed away on August 6, 2004 in St. Louis from complications due to prostate cancer. He earned his Civil engineering degree in 1961 and has lived in St. Louis ever since.

Kruger Endowment

Following the Founder's Day Banquet, Al Wentz (AK '57), Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation Director, presents plaque to Art Kruger (AK '58) on behalf of the scholarship endowment established by Art's late brother, William Kruger (AK '59). The scholarship recognizes Alpha Kappa engineering members who excel in community service and campus involvement.



St. Louis Section Golf Outing

Centennial Reminder

When: Saturday, June 11, 2005

Where: Wolf Hollow Golf Club (636) 390-8100,
www.wolfhollowgolf.com

Times: Registration and lunch - 11:45 to 1:15 p.m.
Tee times - 1:15 p.m. "Shotgun" Start

Format: 4-person golf scramble (set your own foursome
or be placed in one)

- \$80, which includes lunch before golf, driving range, pork steak dinner after golf, green fee and cart; beer, refreshments and attendance prizes.

RSVP: By June 6th to Randy Dreiling
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In 2004, we had 105 golfers and were able to add
\$800.00 to our scholarship fund.
We hope you will be able to join us in 2005!!!

Remember! Centennial is the weekend of

September 30th. Make your hotel reservations

NOW as of some accommodations are already

filled up. We just passed the **300** person registration

mark. We hope to see you in Rolla!!

Any questions, please contact your decade

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