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# President's Desk

## Chapter

The members of Alpha Kappa have worked hard these last few months on the quest to become a Dynasty chapter. With the momentum from **winning a third consecutive Smythe award**, the chapter has excelled in many areas. The Chapter strives to continue to improve and not become complacent. The moment that happens is the moment our reputation is lost, not only on campus, but nationally as well.

The Chapter has again excelled at recruitment. The exceptionally hard work of Lucas Rottler and Andrew Arnold resulted in another great fall pledge class. The 22 pledges, led by pledge educator Kurt Haslag, have proved to be great additions to the Chapter. Spring recruitment chair Jeff Busby has made a strong effort to rush the 'most best' men on campus.

After a disappointing third place finish in Greek Week, special events chair Josh Heger and Homecoming chair Jon Miller led a renewed drive into Homecoming. The two developed new strategies to involve the entire Chapter. The new approach worked well, as the **Chapter placed first overall for the first time in six years**. Alpha Kappa also won the Homecoming King and Queen for the second consecutive year; this year's winners were Phil Schloss and Margaret Thompson. Staying with campus competitions, Alpha Kappa has started the year with an impressive performance in intramurals thus far. Currently leading by 85 points, the Chapter's A Team has placed in the top 3 in seven of nine sports.

The Chapter has shown its' continued effort in community service **by amassing 6500 hours by the end of the fall semester**. While events included a YMCA Camp clean up and volunteering at local churches, a few ambitious AKs even traveled overseas to volunteer their time. Another area where the Chapter has excelled is in campus involvement. By the end of the fall semester, each member was in an average of three organizations per person, whereas last fall the average was just more than two per member. Similarly, the Chapter now has 55 officers in campus organizations, compared to 40 in fall semester of 2005. A number of those officers are in prestigious organizations, such as five AKs on the Student Council Executive Committee, the IFC Vice President – Internal, and all three captains of the varsity soccer team.

The Chapter is extremely excited about the new addition. When House Corporation President Bob Brockhaus gave the initial presentation to the Chapter at the beginning of the semester, everyone began talking about the future. Since then, talk has not stopped. The demolition of the two houses just to the east in October was the first time everyone really felt that the addition was coming. A few weeks after that at Homecoming, Bob Kallemeier presented a full set of drawings to the Chapter including an artist's rendering



SMC: Andrew Reitter (AK '04)

of the final landscape out front.

It is hard to describe the feeling among the Chapter members. If it had to be described by one word, the best one would probably be **proud**. Each and every member is proud of who we are, what we have become, and where we are going. The Chapter's renewed emphasis on recruitment is a perfect example of our focus.

While recruitment is an area that has come easily to Alpha Kappa for several years, the Chapter took the initiative to develop a new recruitment program that is designed to get more members involved and make recruitment a much more efficient process. Led by Ryan Hiestand, a committee of nine brothers worked diligently all semester to revamp publications, develop new strategies, schedule events, create a timeline with benchmarks, create a recruitment DVD, and develop a more rushee friendly website. Their tireless efforts will go a long way to ensure recruitment success for years down the line.

While recruitment is just one of the many challenges that face the Chapter in the coming years, having all members in one house will bring immeasurable benefits. The book about the first 100 years of the Alpha Kappa Chapter has been written, but the book about the next hundred is just beginning. Those of us in the Chapter now have the honor of writing those first few pages, and we are proud to say that they are filled with success.

In the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha,

Andrew Reitter

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# Ramsay's Corner

## Chapter

For the last 10 to 12 years, spring pledge classes have often been small and composed primarily of Varsity Soccer Athletes. Typically they have very good academic performance records, are generally good at time management, and know what it is to be committed to achieving a goal.

The S2K7 pledge class is "normal" in this regard. They consist of five young men, four of whom are soccer players. Impressively, four of them achieved a 3.5 or better GPA during the fall semester. While the pledge class is smaller than what we have come to expect, they are in a unique position to lead the chapter. From my interactions with them over the last few weeks, I am convinced they will lead the chapter during their pledge semester by their actions. Of course, they will not hold any of the offices or committee chair positions - but they will lead the way all Pikes should lead - by allowing their actions to speak with an authority that words are simply incapable of achieving.

These young men are beginning to understand the requirements of being a member of Alpha Kappa. That is, to live with integrity and loyalty. They have come to understand in these first weeks of their pledge semester that Brotherhood includes friendship but on a level that is significantly more meaningful than they have previously considered. As our National Historian Jerry Reel describes, friendship is "I like you;" brotherhood, on the other hand, is "I love you." Brotherly love can only be founded on trust. Trust that your Brother will remain committed to you when it's not convenient for him to do so. We are our Brother's Keeper.

The Brotherly Love that we share is based on one thing; that is, truth. Because truth requires candor and integrity, we can sometimes find ourselves with dented egos and hurt feelings based on our sometimes "passionate discussions." Because of the faith that we have in each other in our individual commitment and

passion for Alpha Kappa, we know that the Brotherly Love we share will endure.

At the Pledge Retreat, the SMC and I always have a session on "Smythe Criteria." We discuss what we perceive as the criteria Alpha Kappa must meet to win the coveted Smythe in terms of success and achievement in a variety of areas upon which we are judged. We talk about all the hard work that is required and the commitment necessary for achievement. The fact is, or International Headquarters and Supreme Council don't really care how hard we work - they care about achievement.

The real value of the Smythe Award is not in the winning of it. Nor is it in the privilege of having a nice shiny trophy to put in our display case. The value of the Smythe is **Brotherhood**. The Brotherhood that develops when we organize and work as that "well oiled machine" in achieving the levels of excellence in academics, varsity and intramural athletics, community service, university leadership.....In doing all that stuff we draw closer the ties that bind us, we develop the relationships and trust that go with us far beyond the short time at UMR as active members of Alpha Kappa.

The Smythe is only important in that it gives us a goal to reach; a difficult goal with no guarantee of success that requires teamwork and commitment. It's in the journey to attain that goal that we build the trust based on our faith in each other. And in so doing, we discover truth in our relationships that allow us to establish true friendships on a firm and more lasting basis that carries us throughout our lives. In short, it helps us to become who we really are: Brothers for life.

In the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha,

Your friendly neighborhood chapter advisor,

Ramsay

## Chapter GPA Improves for Second Straight Semester



Actives who attained a 3.8 or higher GPA during the fall semester

The active Chapter and the AKEF have been working diligently to increase both Chapter and individual member's academic performance. Two semesters ago, both entities acknowledged the below-average academic performance of the Chapter and executed an action plan for improvement. The Chapter now implements study hours from 7-9:00 pm from Sunday to Thursday nights for active members, and from 7-11:00 pm for pledges. As a result of these actions, the Chapter is seeing outstanding results. For the fall 2006 semester, the Chapter GPA was 3.032, exceeding both the UMR All-Men's and All-Fraternity averages.

To give incentive, the AKEF also awards scholarships to those who perform exceptionally well. Currently funded academic scholarships are: 3.8-4.0, \$350; 3.5-3.79, \$300; 3.2-3.49, \$150. Additionally, the Smythe Cornerstone objectives are scholarship based, giving more incentive to perform well. The Smythe Cornerstones are a complex set of criteria a chapter must meet to compete for the Smythe Award, the highest honor a chapter can attain.

## UMR Homecoming

After coming off a third place finish in Greek Week 2006, Alpha Kappa was fired up about Homecoming. Alpha Kappa's own Lance Weinmann (AK '06) organized UMR Homecoming this year for the Student Union Board, which proved to be beneficial in communications for the Chapter. The yard display this year was very impressive due to the new format the house used to complete it. In previous years, a dedicated group of active members construct the entire yard display. Special Events chair Josh Heger (AK



Proudly displaying the Homecoming Championship trophy

'06) and Homecoming chair Jon Miller (AK '06) assigned tasks to each pledge class this year, which made for a more effective method with great results. The theme for Homecoming 2006 was "Rollawood," and one of the most impressive attributes of the yard display was the Hollywood mountains. Standing close to 18 feet tall, these mountains were completely pumped using tissue paper. Along with the mountains, AK created a marquis complete with flashing lights. This was an essential piece of the yard display and proved to win the approval of the judges. The next major accomplishment was the banner designed by Brother Jeff Harrouff (AK '04), which included many significant Hollywood landmarks and memorabilia. During the week, AK competed in events such as trivia night, and placed first in "The Amazing Race." Additionally, AK participated in a movie reenactment and a photo scavenger hunt, placing second and third, respectively. During the UMR football game, the Homecoming Court was announced, along with the champion of the Homecoming competition. UMR proudly crowned Brother Phil Schloss (AK '03) and Margaret Thompson Homecoming King & Queen, both representatives of the Chapter. Alpha Kappa is very proud to bring home **a first place finish in Homecoming** and cannot wait to bring it home again next year!

## Homecoming Royalty

For a second year in a row, the UMR Homecoming Court is led by Pi Kappa Alpha. Philip Schloss (AK '03) and Margaret Thompson, both Pi Kappa Alpha candidates were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during the ceremony on October 21, 2006. AK won first place overall in the competition.



Phil and Maggie pose with Chancellor Jack F. Carney III and wife Pat during the halftime crowning ceremony

## Alpha Kappa Homecoming

Alpha Kappa celebrated UMR's Homecoming over the October 20-22, 2006 weekend. All four entities of AK met and discussed the expansion. Many alumni reunited during the weekend, and among them was Bob Kallemeyer (AK '58) and Bob Brockhaus (AK '57). Brothers Kallemeyer and Brockhaus gave a presentation to the Chapter about the new addition floor plans, and afterwards, a groundbreaking occurred. Additionally, the Educational Foundation distributed a multitude of scholarships. For more information about the expansion, see page 26. See page 22 for information about scholarships.





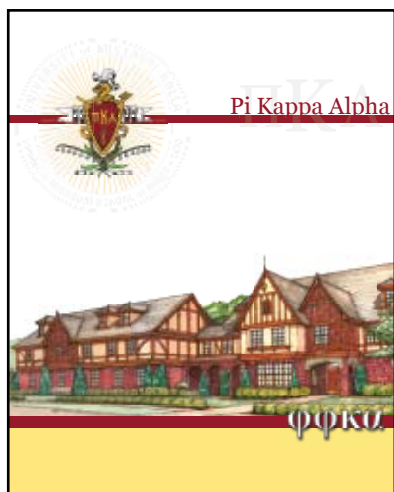
# Rush Committee

## Alpha Kappa Develops Improved Strategies for Rush

Because of the recently accepted plans to add onto the chapter house, recruitment for Alpha Kappa will be a bigger factor than ever in the success of the Chapter and also in financing the expanded chapter house. While recruitment is an area that has come easily to Alpha Kappa for the past several years, the Chapter has taken the initiative to develop and implement a new recruitment program that is designed to get more members involved and make recruitment a much more efficient process.

At the beginning of the semester, Brother Ryan Hiestand (AK '04) created and organized a committee of nine brothers to come up with more efficient methods of recruitment. The first step to improving AK's methods was to figure out what the Chapter has been doing incorrectly in the past. The committee interviewed the new pledges and also questioned active members to explain how they felt about their individual rush experience. From these interviews, the committee decided what the strengths and weaknesses of Alpha Kappa's recruitment were and what actions needed to be taken to improve the process. The actions formed included revamping current rush publications, developing a new rush-friendlier chapter website, scheduling events earlier with more variation, creating a cold call strategy, and developing a schedule for future rush chairs to follow.

Of the strategic actions listed, revamping the current publications would be the largest undertaking, needing several members of the committee to assist in completing the task. Several ideas were thrown around and discussed throughout the group. AK decided to create new folders, similar to the current publication.



The cover of the new Rush Folder

Additionally, three smaller booklets have been created and published, each describing one of three topics: scholarship, housing, and fraternity life. A DVD has also been made with personal testimonies covering aspects of special events, community service, brotherhood & social, and intramurals in addition to a



The new Alpha Kappa Homepage (www.akpikes.com)

house tour. The committee decided to emphasize these four areas because these are the areas that someone coming into collegiate life looks at most. These are also four areas that Alpha Kappa performs well. Emphasizing these values will show the incoming rushee that AK would be an excellent fit for him.

The next undertaking would be a new rush-friendly website. Headed by David Hill (AK '04), this project would be one of the most important newly developed rush tools, especially with more and more transition to technology. Incoming freshman are beginning to base more of their decisions to go greek on what is seen on the internet and television, which is why Alpha Kappa has put such a heavy influence on a new website and publications.

Led by Josh Heger (AK '06) and Chaz Blaschke (AK '04), rush for the fall 2007 pledge class is in good standing. With the newly developed strategies and Rush Committee in place to help steer the Chapter, Alpha Kappa expects to rush the "most best" men that UMR has to offer, therefore excelling at rush as we have in previous years.

## Want To Help With Rush?

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

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## Pikes in Greek Week 2006

The men of Pi Kappa Alpha had an excellent showing at Greek Week this year. Although victory was not ours, third place was a great accomplishment for the house. Brother Jeff Busby (AK '04) held the position of "Zeus," the highest honor of Greek Week. The competition was tough, but AK still proceeded to dominate in many areas. UMR Service Day was held on November 9, and sixty-three men from AK attended, more than double of any other fraternity competing. During the opening games,



Working on the Greek Week 2006 Float

Pikes had very strong performances in both ultimate frisbee and volleyball, landing third place finishes in both, and brothers Kurt Haslag (AK '04) and

Robert Belleville (AK '04) placed second in washers.

After placing third in the opening games, the brothers were involved in many other competitions during the week, one of which was the pie-eating contest, won by Brother Steve Rothermich (AK '06). Also during the week, the competition of penny wars took place, when houses donate change to charity. Alpha Kappa donated over \$1000 in pennies to the cause and took first place. At the end of the week, the Lions Club Carnival was held where children from around Rolla came and visited various booths sponsored by each Greek house. Alpha Kappa's booth featured a pie-throwing stand and balloon-making clowns. Greek Week ended with closing games where AK excelled in each event, placing first in soccer and second in kickball and tug-of-war. After winning Greek Week 2005, the showing came as a let down to the Chapter. AK feels disappointed with a third place finish, so expect a win at Greek Week 2007!



Brother Chappell working on the banner

## Pikes Leading Interfraternity Council



The IFC representatives from Pi Kappa Alpha. From right: Brian Amsler (AK '05), Andrew Arnold (AK '05), and Steve Rothermich (AK '06).

Pi Kappa Alpha proudly supports our representatives in Interfraternity Council. Brian Amsler (AK '05), a senior representative, serves Interfraternity Council as the Vice President-Internal, watching over all committees. Andrew Arnold (AK '05), the junior representative, was recently appointed as the Greek Week Chairman, directing and controlling all activities during Greek Week in the fall. Baby representative Steve Rothermich (AK '06) looks forward to following his predecessors by leading his IFC class. These positions are key to the success of IFC and AK, so look for continued IFC leadership by the men of Pi Kappa Alpha.



The Greek Week 2006 Float

## Zeus - A leader of GODZ

Zeus '06 was a popular alter ego for Brother Jeff Busby (AK '04) during this year's Greek Week. He earned this prestigious honor through three years of hard work. His first year he was awarded Baby Representative of the Year which in turn earned him the highest committee, Pre-Greek Week. After hosting Greek Week '05 he was elected 1st Vice President which oversees the Internal committees. Brother Busby enjoyed his time as Zeus stating, "I had the time of my life!"



Brother Jeff Busby

# Graduating Seniors

## December 2006 Graduates

On December 16, 2006, ten members of Pi Kappa Alpha graduated from University of Missouri-Rolla to begin professional careers. These individuals served the fraternity in a multiplicity of ways throughout their tenure at UMR. We wish them the best in their endeavors, and hope to see them serve AK as an alumnus.

Picture on right taken at Commencement. (From left to right): honorary initiate James Drewniak, Thomas Siengsukon, Dylan Gaisford, Paul Leonard, Adam Koth, alumnus William Oberbeck, Sr., Philip Schloss, Daniel Daegling. Not pictured: William Clark, Drew Curran, Ryan Neuf, and Jacob Rathert.

Alumnus Oberbeck received his Professional Degree in Metallurgical Engineering, while honorary initiate Drewniak was announced as Curator's Professor during the commencement. For more information about their achievements, please see page 21.



**William Henry Clark (AK '02)** graduated with a BS in Geological Engineering. Will, a spring 2002 pledge, served AK as Historian, Continuing Education Chair, and Risk Manager. Will accepted a job with Qore Property Sciences in Gainesville, GA.



**Paul Ryan Leonard (AK '02)** graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Paul served AK as 1st IMC and Pledge Educator while holding leadership positions in ASME. Paul accepted a position in Seattle, WA with The Boeing Company.



**Drew Jameson Curren (AK '03)** graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering. Drew, a fall 2002 pledge, was the Social Chair for AK, and was involved with ASCE. He accepted a position with Professional Service Industries, Inc. in Dallas, TX.



**Ryan Christopher Neuf (AK '04)** graduated with a BS in Engineering Management with an emphasis in Management of Technology. Ryan was essential in AK's Greek Week 2005 victory. Ryan accepted a job with Ring Container in Rockford, IL.



**Daniel Scott Daegling (AK '02)** graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering. While at UMR, Daniel served AK as Steward, House Manager, 2nd IMC, SMC, and Undergraduate Chapter Advisor. He accepted a job with Kiewit Industrial Company in Lenexa, KS.



**Jacob Joseph Rathert (AK '02)** graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. A spring 2002 pledge, Jacob served AK as the Duties Manager and ThC. He is currently searching for a position with a company.



**Dylan James Gaisford (AK '02)** graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Dylan served AK as Pledge Educator, 2nd IMC, and Fundraising Chair twice. He accepted a position with Tour Andover Controls in Dallas, TX.



**Philip Monroe Schloss (AK '03)** graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He served AK as SC and Scholarship Chair, and captain of the soccer team. He accepted a position with Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in Schenectady, NY.



**Adam Michael Koth (AK '02)** graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. While at UMR, Adam was Computer Chair for AK, and also played soccer for 4 years. He took a position at Emerson Process Management in Hazelwood, MO.



**Thomas Ray Siengsukon (AK '03)** graduated with a BS in Aerospace Engineering. A spring 2003 pledge, Thomas served as Steward for AK, and also participated in several design teams on campus. He plans on returning to UMR to receive his Masters Degree.



# Community Service

## Potosi YMCA Camp Lakewood Trip

On October 8, 2006, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha traveled to Potosi, MO to YMCA Camp Lakewood for a weekend service trip. Alpha Kappa sent 64 men to assist in the fall cleanup efforts. While there, they performed a multitude of tasks, including restoring lacquer to old lodges, clearing over 2 miles of trails, as well as other activities at the site. Lucas Rottler (AK '05) and Jessica Clay (Potosi YMCA) organized the trip, which resulted in over 2,000 community service hours for Alpha Kappa.



Alpha Kappa taking a break from the weekend service trip to pose for a picture



All participants pause for a group picture at Ber Juan Lake

## UMR Service Day

Pi Kappa Alpha participated in UMR's annual Service Day hosted by Phi Sigma Rho sorority. The men of Alpha Kappa traveled to various locations throughout the Rolla community to perform a variety of service, including cleaning Ber Juan Lake, Habitat for Humanity work, and repainting a local church. Sixty-three members attended the event, totaling approximately 300 hours of community service.

## Halloween Haunted Halls

This past Halloween, Pi Kappa Alpha opened their house to the Rolla community for some frightening excitement as members transformed the upstairs of the house into Haunted Halls. Alpha Kappa welcomed countless families by distributing around 50 pounds of goodies to the children. The event, which raised 70 hours of service, has become an annual treat for AK while continuing to be popular with the Rolla community.

## AK Assists Underdeveloped Countries

Over the 2006 summer, Engineers Without Borders traveled to Guatemala and Bolivia, tackling two construction projects. Five AKs traveled to Inka Katurapi, Bolivia to assist in the construction of a self-composting latrine, the first such sanitary facility in the village. The project team worked with the local villagers, educating them in proper construction methods. Additionally, another project team traveled to Yupiltepeque, Guatemala, a very earthquake-prone area of the country. Being led by Kurt Haslag (AK '04) and Tim Neff (AK '06), the group worked with CONRED (Guatemala's equivalent of FEMA) to teach locals on construction techniques to erect sound buildings capable of withstanding frequent earthquakes. The two trips earned 1968 hours of community service for Alpha Kappa. All AKs stated that the trips were very rewarding and beneficial.



AK Bolivia Representatives: (Back, left to right) Jake Midkiff, Will Kirby; (Front, left to right) Phil Schloss, Jerel Bernasek, and Dan Daegling

# Pike University

## Forming New Leaders

In 2003, Pi Kappa Alpha realized that in order to make the men and chapters of PiKA better, they needed to collaborate with other chapters and executives of the National Fraternity. The result of this realization is Pike University, a series of leadership conferences that unites chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha throughout the nation. During these conferences, Pikes attend various seminars and meetings that explain the founding of Fraternity, the best methods to rush, the fraternity's current standing against other national fraternities, and methods to increase performance, both on individual and chapter levels. There are seven regional conferences at various



47 Pikes attended Pike University in Kansas City, MO

locations throughout the school year, a conference for the chapter executives, and the international convention in August, where the annual honors are awarded. Alpha Kappa has participated in these events since the beginning, which has had a tremendous impact on the Chapter's performance the past few years. This year, the regional conference was held in Kansas City, MO, a central location for the Heartland and Great Plains regions. Alpha Kappa had 47 men attend the conference, where ideas were generated to increase

the Chapter's standing, compared to other chapters. Alpha Kappa received the "Man Miles" award, given to the chapter that sends the most men the furthest distance. This is the Chapter's third consecutive "Man Miles" award, as the Chapter requires all pledges to attend in order to instill understanding and passion in the future leaders of Alpha Kappa.

## Rush

Alpha Kappa prepares to enter yet another spring semester with an exceptional pledge class that will continue AK's dominance at UMR. Alpha Kappa's fall Rush Chairman, Jeff Busby (AK '04), gained a more diverse pledge class for the spring semester by using UMR's varsity sports teams to his advantage. Quality of men is emphasized as previous AK Rush Chairman have established a high recruitment precedent.

During the fall semester, Brother Busby and AK hosted numerous and well attended rush events. Among those events was a trip to St. Louis for a Blues game, which was enjoyed by all who attended. Additionally, a trip to Columbia to watch the UMR Basketball team and a very successful poker tournament assisted in increasing the spring pledge class. Busby was able to use brotherhood events, martini socials and campus parties as rush tools as well. We were well prepared for formal recruitment hosted by the Interfraternity Council held in January.

AK's recruitment efforts have lead to an excellent group of five young men to pledge and learn about PiKA. This is more than any other fraternity at UMR. We also have many leads for the incoming Rush Chairmen, Brothers Josh Heger (AK '06) and Chaz Blaschke (AK '04). With the extensive preparations made and improved strategies created over the fall semester, AK has set goals for the fall 2007 rush class to be the largest in recent history so the new addition is full for the 2007-08 school year.



Fall Rush Poker Tournament



Fall Rush BBQ



# *New Initiates & Pledges*

## Initiation Update

On September 1st, nine exceptional men of the Spring 2006 pledge class were initiated into the bonds of brotherhood. They had a successful pledge semester, lead by their pledge educator Alex Mear (AK '04). They completed their pledge semester with an overall GPA above both the all-men's and all-fraternity at 3.475.

Pictured: (Back from left to right) John Pettit, Steve Rothermich, Matt Dukeman, Wade Aitken-Palmer, Brandon Moore; (Front from left to right) Caleb Waldbuesser, Steve Grelle, Nick Mentasana, and Andrew Held.



## Fall 2006 Pledge Class

Rush chairmen Andrew Arnold (AK' 05) and Lucas Rottler (AK '05) rushed the third largest pledge class on campus with 22 men. They were lead by pledge educator Kurt Haslag (AK '04). By the end of the semester, 20 men had fulfilled their obligations.

As pictured left to right: (Back Row) Matt Stansfield, Olathe, KS; Josh Kaltenbronn, Lake Ozark, MO; Micah Weber, Belleville, IL; Ryan Brunkhorst, Spring, TX; Patrick McVey, Kirkwood, MO; Ryan O'Daniel, Lee's Summit, MO; Anthony Rieger, Utica, NE; (Front Row) Alex Mathis, Tremont, IL; Curtis McDonald, Belleville, IL; Ian Miller, St. Louis, MO; Afif Najjar, St. Charles, MO; Eric Mack, House Springs, MO; Billy Cacheris, St. Louis, MO; Alec Wideau, Belleville, IL; Kevin Laut, Belleville, IL; Charles Hasseldiek, St. Peters, MO; Andrew Rothermich, Wentzville, MO; Andrew Rasdall, Lee's Summit, MO; Wes Miravelle, Ballwin, MO; Kurt Haslag, Pledge Educator; Not pictured: Fred Reineke, St. Louis, MO.



# Intramurals

## Dominating Fall Semester Intramurals

Alpha Kappa has won the overall Intramurals title at UMR four out of the past five years, and a fifth title is in sight. The Intramural teams have been off to a great start so far this year, and currently hold first place in the standings. PiKA holds a commanding 85 point lead over the next closest competitor, Silver Bullets. The season started with softball and what better way to kick off the year than by taking the championship. The Pikes softball team breezed through bracket play and the playoffs, taking advantage of the mercy rule in practically every game. Additionally, the intramural golf



A Team Softball - Champions



A Team Volleyball - 3rd Place

tournament took place early in October, as Brothers John Binz (AΩ '04), Matt Staskelunas (AK '05), Neil Fehr (AK '05), and Nick Toeller (AK '03) garnered a very respectable third place finish.

There were several other individual sports this fall, including cross-country, billiards, and badminton. Brothers Nathan Rieger (AK '04) and Andrew Becker (AK '03) ran exceptionally well in the 5k cross-country meet on the UMR golf course in October. Both of them earned top 12 finishes, which placed Pikes third overall in the meet. The Pikes looked to defend their title in billiards this year as Brothers Dan Roth (AK '04) and Tom Siengsukon (AK '03) represented Alpha Kappa in the tournament. Brother Roth took home an impressive third place finish in the singles tournament on Friday night. Roth and Siengsukon united for the doubles tournament on Saturday, and fought their way through

the loser's bracket to claim the fourth place spot. The combined finish of singles and doubles was good enough to defend the title from the 2005 intramural season. Badminton always proves to be a tough individual sport for nearly all Greeks, as international students tend to control this contest most years. Brother Nathan Doubledee (AK '04) battled his way to a seventh place singles finish in a 25-man field.

He teamed up with pledge Alex Mathis to place seventh in the doubles competition, placing PiKA in eighth place overall.

PiKA also fared well in other single day events like swimming and ultimate frisbee. These were team events however, and required a solid team effort in order to succeed. The ultimate frisbee team defeated rival Silver Bullets, but lost a closely contested and heated



A Team Ultimate Frisbee - 3rd Place

consolation match. The swimming meet is always one of the largest events in terms of competitors and spectators. Pikes finished fifth in the meet out of 24 teams, second among fraternities.

The fall intramural season ended with football and volleyball. Pikes performed very well in the two sports, finishing in a four-way tie for first place in flag football, and placing third in volleyball after defeating 6 North in the consolation contest. Additionally, the Pike B Team, Hooligans, finished the semester in 8th place, also placing in a tie for first in flag football.

Alpha Kappa has paved the way for another championship through their hard work this fall. This is also due to the great support of the entire Chapter, as supporting brothers consistently double other team's numbers on the sidelines. The men look forward to getting out on the courts and fields again to prove that PiKA is number one.



## 3rd Annual Turkey Bash Raises \$4000

On November 16, 2006, Alpha Kappa once again held its annual charity concert, the 3rd Annual Turkey Bash. Named because of its relative closeness to the holiday, the Turkey Bash has become one of UMR's students' favorite events of the fall semester with over 300 eager rock fans filling into All-Stars Sports Bar and Grill for a night of excitement. Entertaining the crowd this year was Junior Varsity, Fairwell, and A Change of Pace. All three bands are up and coming bands from the midwest, all of which are on the brink of breaking out and making a name for themselves. The bands were thankful for Pi Kappa Alpha's hospitality, and enjoyed making the concert better than last year. The Turkey Bash raised over \$4000, which was donated to the Brian Schlittler Memorial Fund (read more about Brian Schlittler on page 13).



Masters of Ceremonies entertaining the crowd

## Recognition at UMR

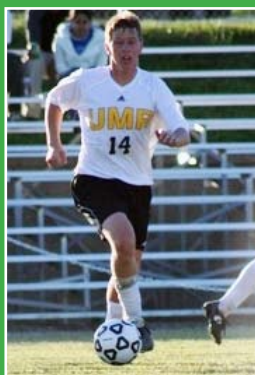


**Thomas Graff** (AK '05), a junior from St. Louis, MO, was named to the Academic All-American team. Playing in the Great Lakes Lacrosse Conference, Thomas had 14 goals and 11 assists in 7 games for the season.



**Andrew Held** (AK '06), a sophomore from Alton, IL, received all-conference honors, and led the Miners in scoring this season.

Held finished the season with 11 goals.



*AK has  
28 athletes,  
covering 6  
varsity and  
club sports.*



**Dan Gravlin** (AK '05) was named to the Academic All-American team. A junior majoring in Civil Engineering, Dan had one goal and led the team with four assists throughout the season.

**Derek Pelate** (AK '04), a senior from Maryville, IL, received 2006 all-conference honors, and is one of UMR's top defenders. Derek finished the season with 1 goal and 2 assists, despite missing 4 games to an injury.



**Daniel Ryan** (AK '06) was named the Theta Tau Omega Freshman of the Year for the 2005-2006 academic year. This award is presented to a freshman who has shown exceptional dedication to academics, in addition to being actively involved on campus. Daniel, a sophomore from Springfield, IL, holds leadership positions in St. Pat's Committee and Student Council, and holds a 3.21 grade point average.

# Leadership

## Fall 2006 Leaders

### Executive Council

SMC: *Andrew Reitter*

1st IMC: *Ryan Hiestand*

2nd IMC: *Ryan Eller*

ThC: *Greg Miller*

SC: *Adam Daniel*

Pledge Educator: *Kurt Haslag*

House Manager: *Jared Meyer*

Rush: *Jeffrey Busby*



Executive Council,  
From left to right: Andrew Reitter (AK '04), Kurt Haslag (AK '04), Ryan Eller (AK '05), Ryan Hiestand (AK '04), Adam Daniel (AK '04);  
Not pictured: Greg Miller (AK '05), Jared Meyer (AK '04), Jeffrey Busby (AK '04)

### Committee Chairmen

Campus Involvement: *Joel Birke*

Community Service: *Lucas Rottler*

Correspondence: *Steve Grelle*

Intramurals: *Will Kirby*

Public Relations: *Chris Dishon*

Social: *Neil Fehr*

Sorority Relations: *John Pettit*

Special Events: *Josh Heger*

Alumni Relations: *Jerel Bernasek*

Brotherhood: *Jeremy Schlosser*

Computers: *Andrew Arnold*

Continuing Ed: *Jared Hellebusch*

Fundraising: *Daniel Ryan*

Historian: *Tim Neff*

Risk Management: *Jeff Zuch*

Scholarship: *Jedidiah Momot*

Steward: *Elliot Giles*

House Fix-It: *Daniel Ryan*

House Exterior: *Brian Amsler*

House Duties: *Andrew Binz*

Assistant ThC: *Derek Pelate*

## Leaders On Campus

### Alpha Phi Omega

President: *Andrew Arnold*

1st Vice President: *Jerel Bernasek*

Social Chair: *Wes Chappell*

2nd Vice President: *Jeff Harrouff*

Inter-chapter Liaison: *Josh Heger*

3rd Vice President: *Jeremy Schlosser*

Fundraising Chair: *Lance Weinmann*

### American Nuclear Society

Social Chair: *Jeff Harrouff*

### American Society of Eng. Management & Institute of Industrial Engineers

Secretary: *David Hill*

### American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Fundraising: *Wade Aitken-Palmer*

Secretary: *John Binz*

Treasurer: *John Pettit*

### Architectural Engineering Institute

Treasurer: *Lucas Rottler*

Publicity Chair: *Lance Weinmann*

### Engineers Without Borders

President: *Kurt Haslag*

Vice President: *Jerel Bernasek*

Project Coordinator: *Tim Neff*

### Financial Engineering Association

Treasurer: *David Hill*

### Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineering

President: *Jared Hellebusch*

Treasurer: *Jeremy Schlosser*

Student Council Rep.: *Greg Miller*

### Intercollegiate Knights

Pledge Trainer: *Steve Grelle*

Social Chair: *Steve Rothermich*

### Interfraternity Council

Junior Representative: *Andrew Arnold*

Greek Week Chairman: *Brian Amsler*

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Campus Sales: *Daniel Ryan*

### Student Activity Finance Board

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### Student Ambassador

Supervisor: *Will Kirby*

### Student Council

SAFB Director: *Jerel Bernasek*

Exec-At-Large: *Wes Chappell*

Public Relations: *Josh Heger*

Member-At-Large: *Jared Hellebusch*

Dir. Of Special Projects: *Ryan Hiestand*

City Council: *Daniel Ryan*

### Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow

President: *David Hill*

Secretary: *Daniel Ryan*

### Student Union Board

Concerts: *Ben Swagman*

Campus Traditions: *Lance Weinmann*



## Tragedy Strikes Zeta Phi Chapter

On November 29, 2006, Pi Kappa Alpha endured a great loss. Brother **Brian Fredrick Schlittler** of the Zeta Phi Chapter passed away due to smoke inhalation during a fire of the chapter house. The fire broke out at the chapter house, located at 8826 Natural Bridge Road, near the University of Missouri – St. Louis campus. Authorities report it started at approximately 3:30 a.m. on a couch in the front room, while the cause of the blaze has been ruled indeterminable. The 76-year old brick house was home to three students at UMSL, all members of the fraternity. Brother Dan Bailey came home early in the morning, noticed the fire in the front room, and notified both Brother Zach Zoellner and Schlittler. Fortunately, Zoellner and Bailey escaped the emblazoned house.

The University held a memorial service on Wednesday night in the Provincial House chapel and the funeral service was held Monday morning at the St.

Joseph's Catholic Church. During the service, Brian was described as loving, generous, and selfless. "He was the best brother you could ask for," Brian's sister, Erin, said. "I'm going to miss him."

In 1999, the Zeta Phi chapter coordinated efforts to assist Alpha Kappa in the rebuilding of the chapter house. Likewise, Alpha Kappa has dedicated efforts to assist Zeta Phi in their reconstruction plans. The chapter congregated to organize plans; a charitable donation, a fundraiser, care packages, and other Greek assistance were ideas that were implemented. Along with sending a care package, the chapter generously made a \$5000 donation to the Brian Schlittler Memorial Fund and also organized and sponsored a bowling fundraiser. Donations can be made to the Brian Schlittler Memorial Fund through U.S. Bank, or contact Pi Kappa Alpha Memorial Headquarters to donate to the Zeta Phi Reconstruction Fund.



### **Theta Tau Omega**

Pizza Night Chairman: *Joe Grier*

### **UMR Lacrosse**

Secretary: *Tom Graff*

Public Relations: *Steve Grelle*

### **UMR Roller Hockey**

President: *Brian Amsler*

### **UMR Tennis Club**

Vice President: *Jeff Harrouff*

### **UMR Volleyball Club**

Treasurer: *Andrew Binz*

### **Varsity Soccer**

Captain: *Adam Daniel*

Captain: *Will Kirby*

Captain: *Derek Pelate*



Brother Brian Schlittler



Zeta Phi brothers gather together

## Local Pikes Support Zeta Phi Chapter at Bowling Fundraiser

Due to the horrific tragedy that struck Zeta Phi, Alpha Kappa organized a bowling night to raise funds to donate to the Zeta Phi Reconstruction Fund. Once Alpha Kappa was notified of the tragedy, actions were immediately organized to help support the Zeta Phi Chapter. An idea for a bowling night fundraiser was announced, and Alpha Kappa agreed to

organize and sponsor the event. Led by Steve Grelle (AK '06) and Daniel Ryan (AK '05), the event was held at North Oaks Bowling Center in St. Louis on December 20. The night consisted of lots of bowling and brotherhood, with approximately 130 Pikes, friends, and family attending. The event raised close to \$2000, all of which was donated to the Zeta Phi Reconstruction Fund.



Brother Schlittler's pledge brothers

# History Book

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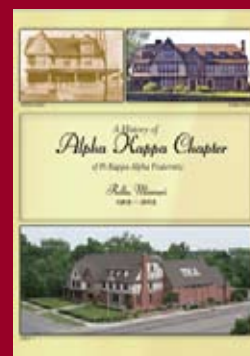
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Although this list seems relatively small, in addition to each alumni who receives a copy of the History Book, every newly initiated member also receives a copy to learn about the men that came before them. Each active member at the current time of print also received a copy. Nonetheless, there are still plenty of History Books on reserve for you!

## Interim AA President Shares Thoughts

Greetings Brothers! It is my pleasure to be writing to you once again as acting president of the AK Alumni Association. As you may know, the primary goal of the AKAA is to facilitate brotherhood by providing and offering social opportunities for AK alumni. With this goal in mind, the AKAA officers and directors have been working to develop a practical calendar of social events, and have at last landed upon a preliminary schedule of events. Because the AKAA is in its infancy, the elected slate of officers and board of directors have organized events within the St. Louis metro area for now, primarily because a large concentration of AK alumni reside near this region. The preliminary AKAA Calendar of Events is listed below, so please mark any and all events on your calendars that you can attend! Be expecting more information about these events as they draw nearer. Which reminds me—please make sure your contact information is current with the active chapter and the University so that we may effectively reach you. As always, you may contact me at [spenberthy@msm.umn.edu](mailto:spenberthy@msm.umn.edu).

Steve Penberthy, VP/Acting President

## Schedule of Upcoming Events Alpha Kappa Alumni Association

### February 24 - Pi Kappa Alpha Bowling Night

Hosted at Brunswick Four Seasons Bowl in Chesterfield, MO

Contact Bob Vancamp ([vancamp6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vancamp6@sbcglobal.net)) for more details

### March 2-4 - Founder's Day Weekend

2nd - House Corporation Meeting at 10am

3rd - Scholarship banquet will start around 12pm

### April 28 - Horse Racing w/ the UMR Alumni Association

Fairmont Park Racetrack

### May 19 - 3rd Annual AK Golf Tournament

Hosted at Sugar Creek Country Club, shotgun start at 8:00

Contact Daniel Ryan (217-971-0536) for more details

### June - Winery Tour

Missouri Wine Country, Winery TBA

### July - St. Louis Cardinals baseball game

Date TBA

### September 1-2 - Labor Day Golf Weekend

Hosted at Lake of the Ozarks, MO; Golf Course TBA

### October 20-22 - Homecoming

Contact Jerel Bernasek (618-615-1298) or Steven Penberthy (314-512-3933) for more details

### December 28 - 2nd Annual Pike Poker Classic

Hosted at American Legion Post 103 in Maplewood, MO

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Chartrau, Doyné (AK '62)	Keil, Byron (AK '52)	Schuchardt, Robert (AK '51)
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## "100 Years of Brotherhood"

The initial distribution of the hardcover, 300 plus pages, "History of Alpha Kappa Chapter", was mailed more than a year ago to all AK brothers who requested a copy. Since then, approximately one-third of our living members have responded with a receipt, and only a few dozen more brothers have requested and received a copy. The people who published the History did so for your benefit, and your free copy awaits your request. This is the first step toward lots of good reading on the many challenges faced by Alpha Kappa over 100 years, lots of fun during your time in Rolla, and much more. If you would like to order a copy, please contact either:

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## 1st Annual Pike Poker Classic

More than 30 alumni, actives, pledges, and friends took part in the 1st Annual Pike Poker Classic on December 29, 2006 in St. Louis. The event was held at American Legion Post 103 in Maplewood, MO and featured noted poker talents Nick Banes (AK '03), Johnny Chittakhone (AK '94) and Steve Penberthy (AK '88). The main event of the evening was a no-limit Texas Hold'em tournament played in World Series Of Poker format. In an evening that featured more than its share of bad bets, all-ins, and outrageous bluffs, brother Tom Trautman (AK '83) emerged as the 1st Annual Pike Poker Classic Champion. Tom prevailed over 31 players to claim the prestigious Royal Flush Award. "It really wasn't as hard as you might think" remarked Trautman. "My wife is going to love having this on the mantle."

It was a night of brotherhood as well as poker. For some, it was a chance to catch up with brothers they had not seen for years. Brother Chris Reed (AK '88), who works for Union Pacific in Houston, Texas, took the opportunity to stop by and reminisce with old friends. "It is really great to have the opportunity to see everyone" said Reed.

The AKA plans to hold this event around the same time each year. The hope is that by holding the event over the holidays it will become an opportunity for alumni,

actives and pledges to share brotherhood at least once a year. Mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual Pike Poker Classic on Friday December 28, 2007. For more information contact Chris Thornton at christopher\_thornton@yahoo.com.



Champion Tom Trautman (AK '83)

## Meet Your AA Acting President

Brother Steven Penberthy (AK '88) transferred to Alpha Kappa from the Zeta Phi Chapter at University of Missouri - St. Louis in 1980. Immediately acquiring a love for the fraternity, Steve became involved by holding many committee chairs and positions. He says that his favorite position was serving as the Calendar Committee Chairperson for the 1982-83 Pike Calendar, stating that, "...it was a joy to work with all the Pike Calendar girls." Brother Penberthy also served AK as a delegate for the 1981 Pi Kappa Alpha Regional Convention at Purdue University and attended the 1982 National Convention in Washington, D.C. Leaving in 1984 to work for McDonnell Douglas, he returned to AK to complete his schooling, receiving his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1988. Upon graduation, Steve was hired by Boeing, formerly MDC, and stayed there for 15 years before transferring to Enterprise Rent-A-Car, where he researches and creates advanced technology prototypes for both hardware and software.

Personally, Steve and his wife Marion have been married for 19 years and live in St. Louis, MO. Always interested in photography, he also enjoys St. Louis Cardinals baseball and home theater. He extends invitations to each alumni to come back for Founders Day in March, and hopes to see you there!

Brothers Nick Banes (AK '04), Larry Schreiber (AK '05), Fred Hohenberger (AK '70), Matt Mayes (AK '04), Kara Mayes, Scott Johnson and Chris Thornton (AK '90) enjoying the Pike Poker Classic.



# Alumni Profiles

## Alfred R. Powell (AK '62)



Brother Alfred Powell

Alfred R. Powell was initiated into Alpha Kappa on April 13, 1958 and graduated summa cum laude in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering. In April, he entered the Corps of Engineers and was eventually promoted to Captain and Post Engineer. Subsequently, he received the Leadership award for establishing

the new Army Post Engineer Management Concepts for the European Theatre. After rotating out of service in 1964, he went to work for Shell and became the Petrophysicist for many divisions until 1973. In 1982 he started Prospect Petroleum with two other partners that eventually merged with Gerber Energy in 1984. In 1990, Al became affiliated with Headington Oil Company, a Dallas based independent that has grown into a multi-billion dollar company. In 1999, he discovered a large oil field in southern Illinois and was awarded "Wildcatter of the Year." Powell developed the drilling and completion techniques to successfully develop the Bakken dolomite and shale, both tite yet highly oil saturated formations in North Dakota and Montana. This technological development has initiated the largest land-based oil development in North America in the last 40 years. Headington is the leader in the Montana-North Dakota region, with five large drilling rigs running on a constant basis.



An active gas flame from a Headington oil well

The uniqueness of this project is the ability to drill around 21,000 feet of horizontal laterals in a 1,280 acre unit and then hydraulically fracture-treat the well, all at approximately 10,000 feet of vertical depth.

In 1962 Al met Ursula Goebel in Germany, who was a technical translator for the Post Engineering Group where Al was

working. They married in 1964 and have three children: John Pierre, Michele, and Aimee.

John Pierre Powell became an AK in 1983, leading his pledge class as president. He graduated magna cum laude in 1987 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. While at UMR, he was Commandant of his class in Air Force ROTC and was selected for a regular Air Force commission, which lead to attending the Euro Nato fighter pilot school in Wichita Falls, Texas. John Pierre served his country in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, flying as an F-15 fighter pilot. Currently he is a Colonel and is Commandant of a maintenance group at Eglin AFB in Destin, Florida.

Michele attended the State University of Colorado and now lives in Dallas, and is a display manager for Macy's department stores. Aimee is married with two children and is a sports trainer for the Greenwood Athletic club in Denver. She and her husband graduated from TCU in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Al and Ursula have lived in Littleton, Colorado since 1965 and are very active in the German-American clubs and other organizations and have no near-term plans for retirement.

### Lend a Hand to the Alpha Kappa Actives

The active Chapter would appreciate you, the alumni, sending your alumni updates, business cards, photos, and other miscellaneous items. The Chapter will post your submissions in the alumni relations' case, located in the pool room. Thanks!



## Phil Colombatto Inducted into Academy of Eng. Management

Phillip Colombatto, AK '71, was inducted into the UMR Academy of Engineering Management during the Academy's bi-annual meeting. Brother Colombatto held the position of SMC for AK, while also being involved on the UMR Varsity Baseball team. Phillip, BSCE '71 and MSEM '76, is the vice-president for the Quality Assurance Division

of Anheuser-Busch Inc. He began his career as an engineering systems analyst for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District before taking a position in the brewing department for Anheuser-Busch, where he has held the coveted job of senior brew master.



## Brother Penzel Restores 1930 Model AA to Excellence



Brother Phil Penzel (AK '86) was presented with the MARC Award of Excellence for this 1930 Model AA dump truck

Brother Phil Penzel (AK '86) of Jackson, MO is the proud owner of the 1930 Model AA dump truck, which he restored for the past five years. The beautifully restored truck made the front cover of a national magazine, 'Model "A" News' in the July/August 2006 issue, and earned the MARC Award of Excellence for his first time showing at the National Convention of the Model A Restorer's Club.

Phil has always been into history, mainly in part because of his family that has a long history in Jackson. Penzel is the fourth generation of his family to own and operate Penzel Construction Company. The company is approaching its 100 year anniversary in 2010, and Phil was always interested in preserving the history of the company. One idea that he always favored was restoring something and tying it to the company name; therefore, when a 1930 Ford Model AA with side stakes became available in Wisconsin, Phil immediately traveled north to purchase and bring the truck back for restoration. With the family business being construction, Phil thought he should restore the truck as a dump truck, not as a stake side. He began the restoration of the truck in 2002, with the help of friend and driver for Penzel Construction, Johnnie James.

Working in James' home shop, they took the entire truck apart, piece by piece. When they were fortunate to find that many of the parts were tied to the originally manufactured truck, excitement overcame them and they decided to pour 100 percent into the restoration project. Phil's primary goal in finishing the truck was to use it for a video about Penzel Construction, to be made by the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, honoring Penzel Construction as Industry of the Year. However, as the

project developed, he began considering entering it for judging in the Model 'A' Restorer's Club National Meet in June 2006. Studying the MARC Judging Manuals to help them restore the truck properly, Johnnie and Phil decided to join the Model 'A' Restorer's Club.

Over the next several years, they worked diligently at restoring every part of the vehicle, including adding a dump body, which Phil was fortunate to find near Jackson. During this time they also researched the history of the old truck, which turned out to be quite interesting. It was originally a dealer truck, delivered to Harrison Ford Dealer in Three Rivers, MI, then sold and probably used as a bakery delivery truck and later, a dairy truck. The third owner needed to sell the truck in order to pay for his daughter's wedding, and the owner prior to Brother Penzel only use it for display at local shows in the early 1990s. After many problems



Brother Penzel's restored 1930 Ford Model AA

to restore the truck to working order, Phil and Johnnie reserved themselves to the fact that they were just going to the meet to learn and have a good time. When Phil took the fully restored truck to the MARC National Meet in June 2006, he only expected to have the vehicle judged to find out the deficiencies in their work and prepare for the meet in 2007. There were 567 vehicles entered in the competition, and Phil was pleasantly surprised when his truck was chosen as one of 12 to go to the final competition, and then one of seven to receive an award. At the awards banquet, Phil and Johnnie were honored as the truck received the MARC Award of Excellence for the first time showing. "We thought we had a pretty good truck," Phil stated, "but didn't have a clue how well it could do in the judging." After the meet Phil was approached by Model "A" News about a story and pictures of the truck. He submitted an article and supplied the photographs for the story, being published in the next edition of the magazine.

Although it was a great project, Phil will probably not tackle something like this again because of the work and time involved. "It is something the family will always enjoy, and it gives us a lot of pride. It is like extending the history of the company by preserving this Model AA truck," Phil said.

## Alumni Updates

**Dale Spence (AK '97)** and Tricia finished their masters degrees from UMR in December 2005 and moved to State College, PA in August 2006. Between the move, they enjoyed seeing friends and family, even traveling to Europe to see Tricia's family in Sicily. Tricia received an excellent offer to pursue her PhD at Penn State in Information Sciences and Technology and started in the Fall 2006 semester. Dale located a position at Veeder-Root as the Product Development Manager after arrival. They would love to have company, so let them know if you are in central PA.

**Jarod Stock (AK '97)** and Angie announce the birth of Andrew Wayne Stock. Andrew was born December 10, 2006, weighed 7 lbs, 15.9 oz, and measured 20 1/2 inches long. Andrew joins brothers Jacob and Michael.



**Ryan Howell (AK '97)** was recently promoted to Major in the U.S. Army. Ryan, a Mechanical Engineering major, has served in the U.S. Army since 1997 and traveled overseas twice. In 1998, he was stationed in Korea, and then served in Operation Iraqi Freedom III for 8 months in 2005. We thank Brother Howell for his services to his country. While at AK, Ryan held the positions of Pledge Educator and House Manager, and was President of ASME on campus. He married his wife Katie in 1999, and currently has three children: John, 5; Margaret, 3; Charlie, 1.



### Have Something To Share?

Please keep the chapter up to date. Send changes in address, email, family, or anything you would like to share to the Alumni Association; address on table of contents page.

## Homecoming 2006

**J. Richard Hunt (AK '50)** was presented with the Robert V. Wolf Alumni Service Award from the MSM/UMR Alumni Association. Hunt, GGph '50, worked for British Petroleum in the geophysical section until forming Empire Geophysical, later to be merged with Teledyne Exploration. He formed J. Richard Hunt & Associates Inc., a worldwide geophysical consulting firm. At UMR, Hunt is a member of the Academy of the School of Mines and Metallurgy and the Order of the Golden Shillelagh (OGS). As an undergraduate, Hunt served AK as IMC and ThC, and is a founding member of the C.L. Dake Geological Society. Now retired, Richard resides in Carbondale, CO with his wife Shirley.



**Rollie Johnson (AK '62)** was awarded with the Alumni Merit Award from the MSM/UMR Alumni Association. Johnson, ME '62 and founder of Rollie Johnson Inc., was also CEO and cofounder of the Systems Enhancement Corp. and Electronic Support Products, all companies in the St. Louis area. At UMR, Johnson is an active member in the Order of Golden Shillelagh and the Academy of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Johnson's four sons also attended UMR and joined AK as undergraduates.



**Philip Jozwiak (AK '91)** was honored with the Alumni Merit Award from the MSM/UMR Alumni Association. Jozwiak, CE '66, earned his Professional Degree in Civil Engineering in 2000 and currently serves as vice president of transportation/infrastructure at Geotechnology Inc., a St. Louis based geotechnical consulting firm. A registered Professional Engineer in Missouri and Illinois, he is actively involved in many professional groups, including ASCE and SAME. Jozwiak has been a member of the Order of the Golden Shillelagh since 1992, inducted into Chi Epsilon as a Chapter Honor Member in 2003, and was initiated as an honorary member of Pi Kappa Alpha in 1991.





## Deceased Brothers

**Robert L. Skaggs (AK '55)** passed away on June 25, 2006. Robert, MetE '55, was actively involved in Blue Key and Tau Beta Pi, along with participating on the UMR Varsity Swimming Team. He taught as an engineering professor at the University of Nevada.

**Russell A. Gund (AK '40)**, EE, served AK as House Manager from 1939-40 and also served on the IFC as secretary in '40. He was an active and generous alumnus until his death. He was awarded membership in the Order of the Golden Shillelagh, and his donation to AK in 1999 was instrumental in rebuilding the chapter house. Brother Gund also started the Russell Gund Electrical and Computer Engineering Scholarship, given to one student each semester.



## Alpha Kappa Parent's Club

The Alpha Kappa Alumni Association, in collaboration with the Active Chapter, has decided to begin an AK Parent's Association. AKAA believes that this is a crucial step in advancing relations between the chapter and AKAA, and this would be one of the first in Pi Kappa Alpha. The purpose of the Parent's Association would be to help foster and improve communications to and from the current actives, as in what events are being sponsored by the Alumni Association and how the Active Chapter stands in relation to other chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha. Additionally, AK has noticed a low percentage of parents at events such as Homecoming and International Work Day. The goal of the Parent's Association would be to increase participation from parents at these events, so they can see that their sons are the best men on campus. If you would like to help start the AK Parent's Association, please contact:

Mary Heger | 314-368-7856 | mheger@ameren.com

## Honorary Degrees



**James L. Drewniak (AK '05)** was honored as the Curators' Professor at UMR at the December 2006 commencement. Drewniak, who was honorarily initiated in 2005, earned his PhD at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Joining the UMR faculty in 1991 as a professor of electrical and computer

engineering, Drewniak was later promoted to the position of director of the UMR Materials Research Center. He has won numerous teaching and advising awards, is a senior member of IEEE, and has earned Best Paper honors from IEEE and the Review of Progress in Applied Computational Electromagnetics.



**William F. Oberbeck, Sr. (AK '39)** was presented with an honorary professional degree from UMR at the December 2006 commencement. Oberbeck received his bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering in 1939, and then went to work for Curtis-Wright. From 1941-1945, he served as an officer in the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers during World War II. In 1960, he served as a manufacturing representative for Spence Engineering and Kundle Valves. By using the engineering and business sales skills experience gained throughout his prolific career, Oberbeck founded three successful businesses.

## Alumni Association Officers

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# Scholarships

## Additional Alumni Awards Encourage Better Overall Performance

Several new awards were distributed for the first time during the AK Scholarship Awards Banquet held on the Saturday of the UMR Homecoming weekend (October 21). As seen in this edition of the Kapers, scholarships significantly impact Chapter and individual performance. At this semi-annual event, \$42,554 was distributed: Scholastic - \$12,450, Leadership - \$5,359, Alumni Awards - \$15,745, and Memorial - \$9,000. This included 85 total awards that went to 61 different chapter members. This translates into 60% of the Chapter benefiting from the scholarship program. AKEF continues to coordinate the scholarship selection with the UMR Student Financial Aid Office, the MSM-UMR Alumni Association, and the UMR Advancement Office.

### Memorial Awards

#### *Frisbee Award*

Joseph Grier

#### *Wolf Award*

Kurt Haslag

#### *Thompson Award*

Jerel Bernasek

#### *Rippert Award*

Stephen Grelle

#### *Drebes Award*

Jared Meyer

#### *Hubbard Award*

Stephen Grelle  
Nicholas Mentasana  
Brandon Moore

#### *Gevecker Award*

Ryan Brunkhorst  
Josh Kaltenbronn  
Ryan O'Daniel  
Micah Weber

#### *Kruger Award*

Charles Blaschke  
Michael Schroer  
Joel Schrenk

#### *IM Athlete Award*

Robert Belleville

#### *Morgan Award*

Nicholas Mentasana



Hubbard Award Winners - Stephen Grelle (AK '06), Nicholas Mentasana (AK '06), Brandon Moore (AK '06)

#### *Alyea Award*

Ryan Bell

#### *Gund Award*

Derek Pelate

### Alumni Awards

#### *Spence Award*

Maccabee Dorman

#### *Miller Award*

Josh Young

#### *Latzer Award*

Wesley Chappell

#### *Bauer Award*

Ryan Eller  
Alex Mear  
Lance Weinmann

#### *Wentz Award*

Jeffery Burke  
Andrew Mais

#### *Grimm Award*

David Hill  
Alex Mear  
Lucas Rottler



All 3.8-4.0 GPA Awardees



Kruger Award Winners - David Hill (AK '04), Lucas Rottler (AK '05)

### Leadership Awards

Jeffrey Busby  
Ryan Eller  
David Hill

Kurt Haslag  
Andrew Mais  
Alex Mear  
Michael Schroer



### Scholastic Awards

#### 3.8 - 4.0

Charles Blaschke  
Adam Daniel  
Daniel Gravin  
Stephen Grelle  
Jeffrey Harrouff  
William Kirby  
Adam Koth  
Thomas Lawton  
Nicholas Mentasana  
Alex Mear  
Brandon Moore  
Nathan Rieger  
Lucas Rottler  
Philip Schloss  
Josh Young

#### 3.5 - 3.79

Paul Becker  
Ryan Bell  
Robert Belleville  
John Binz  
Jeffrey Busby  
Jason Daming  
Ryan Eller  
Thomas Graff  
Andrew Held  
Paul Leonard  
Justin Lightner  
Michael McNamee  
Jon Miller  
Derek Pelate  
Benjamin Swagman  
Lance Weinmann

#### 3.2 - 3.49

Wade Aitken-Palmer  
Keith Beers  
Jeffrey Burke  
Colin Douthit  
Jason Kath  
Michael Loeffler  
Andrew Mais  
Ryan Neuf  
John Pettit  
Kevin Post  
Joseph Roth  
Daniel Ryan  
Benjamin Schnurbusch  
Justin Voss  
Christopher Zerr  
Jeffery Zuch

## The Beginning of the Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program

The Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program began on December 15, 1952 when Brother Daniel Eppelsheimer (AK '54) called the first meeting of the Alpha Kappa Alumni Scholarship Awards Committee to order. Brothers Sidney Cole (AK '54), Charles Poe (AK '54), Clay Robbins (AK '54), and R.V. Wolf (AK '48) were also in attendance. At this meeting, rules were set forth to govern the Alpha Kappa Alumni Scholarship Committee, to define the selection process, and to guide the committee in the selection of the two recipients for the **Alpha Kappa Alumni Scholarship Awards**. The original \$1,000 seed money for this new program came from Brother Enoch R. Needles, a 1910

initiate. The program continued to expand over the years. The **Charles R. Hubbard Badge Award** was first awarded in 1962 and recognized the pledge with the highest academic achievement. In 1963, the **Karl R. Morgan Award** was created and recognized a varsity letterman with high academic achievement. Starting in 1966, members were reimbursed for their **honor society initiation fees**.

The program that started in 1952 has significant impact on the lives of the undergraduate members today. Throughout the next several issues of the Kapers, alumni who were impacted by the Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program as students will be recognized. We can only hope that the current scholarship program helps make today's undergraduates as successful as the ones who passed through the halls of Alpha Kappa before them.

## Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program Awardees - 1953-1972

### 1953

Sidney Cole – Alumni Assoc  
Charles Poe, Jr. – Alumni Assoc

### 1954

James Gerard – Alumni Assoc  
Ralph Hollocher – Alumni Assoc

### 1955

August Link – Alumni Assoc  
Raymond Pfaff – Alumni Assoc

### 1956

Harold Steinbruegge – Alumni Assoc  
Charles Wentz, Jr. – Alumni Assoc

### 1957

Dale Strub – Alumni Assoc  
Thomas Welsh – Alumni Assoc

### 1958

William Fesler, Jr. – Alumni Assoc  
Donald Link – Alumni Assoc

### 1959

William Kruger – Alumni Assoc  
Ronald Rath – Alumni Assoc

### 1960

Jerrold Alyea – Alumni Assoc  
Alfred Powell – Alumni Assoc

### 1961

Myron Bruns – Alumni Assoc  
Kenneth Schader – Alumni Assoc

### 1962

Doyle Chartrau – Alumni Assoc  
William Hallerberg – Alumni Assoc  
Paul Barnett – Hubbard

### 1963

Robert Markland – Alumni Assoc  
Alan Zunkel – Alumni Assoc  
Gary Koch – Morgan  
Daniel Goodman – Hubbard

### 1964

Maurice Green – Alumni Assoc  
Alan Kamp – Alumni Assoc  
Gary Graham – Hubbard  
Charles Dakin – Morgan

### 1965

Larry Littlefield – Alumni Assoc  
Clyde Vandivort – Alumni Assoc  
Reginald Nations – Hubbard

### 1966

Garry Graham – Alumni Assoc  
Wesley Myers – Alumni Assoc  
Alan Krekel – Hubbard  
Daniel Kruvand – Hubbard  
Ronald Ledbetter – Honor Society  
Wesley Myers – Honor Society  
Robert Duncan – Honor Society  
Anthony Kirn – Honor Society  
Ralph Sullivan – Honor Society  
Gary Barth – Honor Society  
William Hollander – Honor Society

### 1967

Gary Barth – Alumni Assoc  
Ronald Ledbetter – Alumni Assoc  
Robert Clynes – Morgan  
Michael Thomas – Hubbard  
Dennis Fesler – Honor Society  
John Morrissey – Honor Society

### 1968

Dennis Fesler – Alumni Assoc  
John Morrissey – Alumni Assoc  
Reginald Nations – Morgan  
Richard Schultz – Hubbard

Keith Wedge – Honor Society  
Robert Baeyen – Honor Society  
Daniel Kruvand – Honor Society  
Donald Albert – Honor Society  
David Richards – Honor Society

### 1969

Daniel Kruvand – Alumni Assoc  
Keith Wedge – Alumni Assoc  
Donald Albert – Morgan  
Thomas Frisbee – Morgan  
Carter Njus – Hubbard  
Charles Heuermann – Honor Society  
Andrew Efthim – Honor Society  
John Woltjen – Honor Society

### 1970

Thomas Frisbee – Alumni Assoc  
John Woltjen – Alumni Assoc  
Steve Biederman – Morgan  
Dennis Miera – Morgan  
Patrick Tibbits – Hubbard

### 1971

Thomas Capelli – Alumni Assoc  
David Rasch – Alumni Assoc  
Robert Scanlon – Morgan  
Daniel Boll – Hubbard  
Mark Smith – Hubbard  
Robert Scanlon – Honor Society  
Patrick Tibbits – Honor Society  
Steven Wunnings – Honor Society  
Richard Laschober – Honor Society

### 1972

Steve Biederman – Alumni Assoc  
Richard Laschober – Alumni Assoc  
Carter Njus – Morgan  
Timothy Scanlon – Hubbard  
Terence Hill – Honor Society  
Steve Biederman – Honor Society  
Larry Schupbach – Honor Society  
Mark Smith – Honor Society



# Giving Levels

## Cumulative Giving Levels

### Diamond \$50,000 & Up

Kruger, William

### Silver \$5,000 to \$9,999

Bauer, Richard

### Bronze \$1,000 to \$4,999

Colombatto, Phillip  
Gevecker Family Trust  
Miller, Ronald  
Myers, Wesley  
Van Buren, James  
Wolf, Dottie

### Copper Up to \$999

Alyea, Jerrold  
Bess, James  
Beyer, Brian  
Block, Duncan  
Brockhaus, Robert  
Chartrou, Doyne  
Fleischman, Robert  
Herrmann, Paul  
Johnson, Rollie  
Kamp, Alan  
Koerner, Charles  
Krispin, Joseph

Kruger, Art  
Kyburz, Edward  
Lincicome, James  
Myers, Donald  
Peterson, Donald  
Schuman, Charles  
Spence, Dale  
Wagner, Christine  
(Bernard)  
Weisenstein, Don  
Weisenstein, Kent  
Wentz, Alvin  
Winters, Benjamin  
Wolf, John

## Annual Giving Levels

1/1/06 - 12/31/06

### St. Pat's \$1,000 & Up

Myers, Wesley  
Van Buren, James  
Wolf, Dottie

### Blarney Stone \$100 to \$499

Bauer, Richard  
Fleischman, Robert  
Herrmann, Paul

### Shamrock Up to \$99

Koerner, Charles  
Peterson, Donald  
Schuman, Charles  
Wagner, Christine  
(Bernard)

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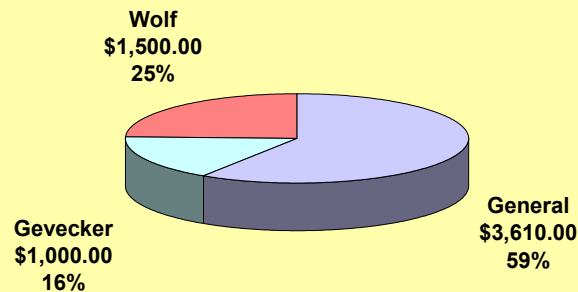
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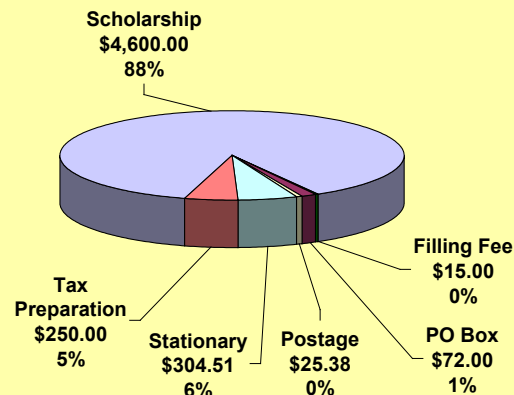
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<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$3,343.60</b>
<b>Colombatto Fund</b>	<b>\$1,109.80</b>
<b>Gevecker Fund</b>	<b>\$2,221.58</b>
<b>Kruger Fund</b>	<b>\$58,447.72</b>
<b>Rolla Public School Fund</b>	<b>\$1,509.81</b>
<b>Wolf Fund</b>	<b>\$1,795.01</b>

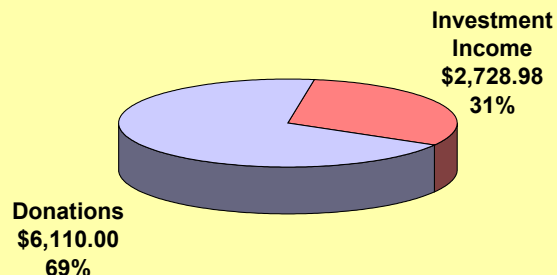
## 2006 Donations to Allocated Funds



## 2006 Expenses



## 2006 Income



## Interim President Addresses Alumni Brothers

To Our Alumni Brothers...

First of all, I would like to thank Al Wentz, Jerry Alyea, and Ben Winter for their service on the Board of Directors of the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation. Brother Wentz has served as president of our corporation since it began in 2003.

The AKEF is dedicated to encouraging outstanding leadership and scholastic achievement by providing financial awards to our undergraduate brothers who successfully meet or exceed preset goals. This recognition program has produced outstanding results as you can see from the listing of grade point averages and the number of awards presented during the past year. I am continually impressed by the quality of the men in our active chapter. They are members of the top fraternity on the UMR campus and certainly one of the best chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha as evidenced by their third consecutive Smythe Award.

The chapter officer leadership program helps ensure chapter goals are met in community service, campus organizations, intramural and varsity sports, public and alumni relations, financial responsibility, risk management, rush activities, pledge education, overall chapter scholarship, and support to UMR events such as Greek Week, Homecoming, and St. Pats.

In addition to the many scholastic and leadership awards presented annually, our undergraduate brothers also receive alumni and memorial awards financed through generous contributions from AK alumni. Help us maintain the fine traditions of the Alpha Kappa Chapter by making a tax-deductible donation to the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation. Our mailing address is:

Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation  
P.O. Box 835  
Rolla, Missouri 65402

Thank you for your continued involvement with the Alpha Kappa Chapter. Your financial support is greatly appreciated by our undergraduate brothers.

In the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha,

Keith Wedge  
Interim President  
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## Three Resign from AKEF Board of Directors

Al Wentz, president of the AKEF since the corporation began in June 2003, has resigned his position on the board of directors. Jerry Alyea, serving a two-year term, and Ben Winter, serving a one-year term, have also resigned. This brings the current board membership to seven voting directors, including the Chapter Advisor and the presidents of the Housing Corporation and the Alumni Association (who serve as ex officio members of the board). In order to keep the chapter informed, the current SMC attends the meetings, but is not a voting member.

## Expansion Plans

### House Corporation Provides Update on Construction



Artistic rendition from an ariel view of the new addition

The scope of work for a 104-man house was presented to the alumni and those from the active chapter that attended the spring 2006 Leadership Seminar. All who were present approved. The plan presented a 40-man addition, including all of the project requirements of previous discussions at leadership seminars since fall of 2003.

Contracts were completed with the architect and construction manager in the weeks following and design work began in earnest. A very intense period of design development occurred during June and July, establishing the look and layout of the new facility. The construction manager proceeded with developing a project schedule, surveying, preliminary site work, and preparing cost estimates, helping to guide design decisions.

As soon as the basic design was "gelled," the architect produced renderings and began detailed structural design so that the construction manager could solicit bids and refine the estimates. During August and September, we had to bid and rebid many work packages to get reasonable cost numbers. The mechanical, electrical and plumbing design (MEP) designated to be "design/build" by the

eventual successful bidders was becoming critical to the schedule requirements.

By the middle of September, many of the major contracts were finished. AKHC proceeded with demolition of the two residential properties on October 9,



Expansion Layout from 9th Street

2006 and rough graded the site for a nice appearance during Homecoming. Those present participated in a groundbreaking ceremony. Also, due to the school newspaper, outsiders thought we were building a larger parking lot! Currently, the construction area is fenced for safety and security.

The rebidding of structural steel to achieve an acceptable cost delayed construction. As a result, the submittal to the City of Rolla for a construction permit approval was delayed from October 9 to November 17. Long lead delivery items were ordered at this time. The City of Rolla would not let construction proceed without unrelated preliminary work on a "conditional approval" and required several re-submittals prior to approval of authorization to proceed in the field. AKHC is not behind in schedule, however, since steel delivery is key to construction and slack was scheduled prior to steel delivery. To a casual observer, it would appear that nothing

was happening, but much was being accomplished behind the scenes.

Approvals were finally received and fieldwork started the week of December 18, 2006. After soils preparation and completion



Expansion Layout from 8th Street

of site surveying, the trenching for foundations occurred on January 9. Re-bar was placed and concrete pours were made on January 11. AKHC are three weeks off the project schedule but will be on target for the setting of steel when it arrives. We should be back on target by April 1. The schedule calls for completion of all contracted work by July 17. At that time we will wash windows, clean and polish as required with a small crew of Brothers. We will schedule furniture deliveries during the first two weeks of August for assembly and placement in the rooms by the Chapter. The expanded facility will be ready to receive 104 actives by the fall semester!

There is going to be an expansion dedication for the new addition during Homecoming 2007 and we want you to come! For more information, turn to page 28.



## Executive Retreats Improve Chapter Performance

The success of the Alpha Kappa chapter in recent years is due in large part to the strong support that semi-annual retreats have from officers of all of the entities. For over five years, the Active Chapter's (AC) outgoing and incoming officers have met with the House Corporation (HC) officers and members of the Educational Foundation (EF) and Alumni Association (AA). The retreat is held during a weekend prior to the final couple of weeks of school and after the new officers have been elected. The retreat is usually held at the Holiday Inn near Six Flags in Eureka and all expenses are paid by the HC. Attendance is normally about 30 persons.

Over the years, the format has changed only slightly. The outgoing officers submit written reports at least a week before the retreat to the presidents of each entity who forward them to all alumni who will be in attendance. The reports describe the activities of the semester just ending and issues that the AC wishes to address at the retreat.

The actual retreat begins with a pizza dinner and is followed by powerpoint presentations from each of the outgoing officers. Their presentations focus on issues that they or members of the other entities wish to discuss rather than on the general events of the past semester. These general events are fully described in the written reports. Following these presentations and discussions, the outgoing and incoming officers for each position, along with alumni, have small breakout sessions. During these sessions, topics related to a smooth transition of positions are discussed as well as what the incoming officer wishes or needs to accomplish during the following semester. The alumni offer suggestions and advice during these sessions and action plans with specific deadlines are established when appropriate. At the conclusion of these sessions each of the incoming officers presents a summary of their group's discussion and asks for input from the rest of those at the retreat.

Following a continental breakfast on Saturday morning, the discussion focuses on particular areas of chapter operations or the interaction between entities. During the last December retreat, the Saturday morning sessions concerned rush. The AC had spent the fall semester reviewing their rush program and presented their report which recommended some changes to the current process. The entire morning was spent discussing

the improved rush process and making minor changes to it. Last May, the Saturday discussion related to the addition to the chapter house. The previous two years were spent developing a strategic plan which allows for each of the entities to have a common mission and vision

and coordinated action plans of each of the entities to achieve these desired objectives. By noon the retreat is concluded and everyone returns to their homes. Past House Corporation President Dave Zimmerman is responsible for all of the logistics and communications prior to the retreat and also serves as facilitator during the retreat.

A very tangible proof of the success of the retreats was Alpha Kappa being honored at the International Convention last summer as the **Best Managed Chapter in the entire Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity**. This coupled with the third Smythe Award in three years are the results of the hard work that everyone does in advance of the retreats and the open, honest, and respectful discussions during the retreats.

We would love to have alumni who are not currently on one of the entities to attend. If you have interest in attending this spring or anytime in the future, please contact Bob Brockhaus, HC President, at 314-843-5713 or email at bob@brockhausgroup.net.

## Alumni Profile - Robert Kallemeier

Bob Kallemeier was born and raised in St. Louis County, Missouri. He attended the Univ. of Cincinnati and was initiated into Alpha Xi of Pi Kappa Alpha in March of 1957. Bob transferred to Missouri School of Mines in January of 1960 and graduated BSME in January of 1962.

Having managed the design and construction of brewery facilities for Anheuser Busch Corporate Engineering, he retired as a senior manager after 32 years. He is the father of three children. He has served his nation in the armed forces, his local community, his church, and his fraternity. An Eagle Scout, Bob is currently serving as Volunteer Executive - Capital Projects for the Greater St Louis Area Council. He was recently honored with the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service.

Bob is vice president of the House Corporation and is a past president. He stepped forward to manage the design and construction of the current house replacement after the 1999 tragedy. He has led the design and construction effort for the new 40-man addition. Bob and his wife Ann are avid yachtsmen and travelers. They have circumnavigated the eastern half of the United States and have had many other adventures on the Great Lakes in their boat. However, Bob feels that working with character-building activities in the spirit of phi phi k a takes precedent over personal pleasures.



Group Picture from the December 2006 Retreat

## Upcoming Events

### March 2-4 - Founders Day Weekend

2nd - House Corporation Meeting at 10am  
3rd - Banquet will start around 12pm

### March 16-18 - St. Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration

Check with the UMR Alumni Association Website for a list of events!

### April 14 - International Work Day Weekend

All alumni and parents are welcome - help us get the chapter house ready for the addition! Contact Andrew Binz (314-323-1673 | [abbd23@umr.edu](mailto:abbd23@umr.edu)) for more information

### April 19 - Alpha Kappa Local Alumni Dinner

5:30pm in Wolf Hall, meal will be chicken cordon bleu  
Contact Daniel Ryan (217-971-0536 | [dlrkbd@umr.edu](mailto:dlrkbd@umr.edu)) for more details

### April 20-22 - MSM-UMR Order of Golden Shillelagh Weekend

This year's OGS Reunion is being held in Branson, MO. All alumni are welcome to stop by to see the progress on the addition and meet the active chapter.

### May 12 - UMR Commencement

### May 19 - 3rd Annual AK Golf Tournament

Contact Daniel Ryan (217-971-0536 | [dlrkbd@umr.edu](mailto:dlrkbd@umr.edu)) for details  
Golf Course - TBA

### October 19-21 - UMR Homecoming

Alpha Kappa will be hosting a house dedication. Please stop by and see how the beautiful addition compliments the current facility! Please contact Jerel Bernasek (618-615-1298 | [cjbc59@umr.edu](mailto:cjbc59@umr.edu)) for more information



## Homecoming 2007

### House Addition to be Dedicated During Homecoming 2007

During Homecoming 2007, the new expansion will be dedicated to honor all the successes that Alpha Kappa has accomplished in the past 102 years. The Chapter invites you to come and partake in the festivities that are planned during the weekend of October 19-21; events with you in mind! On Friday evening, UMR will be hosting a banquet, where a room will be reserved for fellow PiKAs, followed by a social hour at the chapter house. On Saturday morning, October 20, the Chapter will have an open house, and the AK Alumni Association will be hosting a luncheon, followed by the expansion dedication ceremony. The annual Homecoming football game will be played at 1:00 pm, followed by a social hour at the chapter house and to close the weekend, the UMR Alumni Association will be sponsoring a dinner in the Havener Center. The Chapter invites you to come and enjoy the festivities!



Expansion layout from 9th Street

# Alumni Survey

## Spring/Summer 2007 Rush Schedule Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

### February

PRO Day – February 24

### March

PRO Day – March 9

### April

PRO Day – April 14

PRO Day – April 20

PRO Day – April 28

### May

Seattle Mariners vs. Kansas City Royals – May 26

### June

PRO Day – June 8

PRO Day – June 15

Pi Kappa Alpha Float Trip – June 15-17

PRO Day – June 22

Philadelphia Phillies vs. St. Louis Cardinals – June 23

### July

Rush Banquet – July 20

### August

PRO Day – August 11

We want to hear from you! Please complete and detach for return to the AK House Corporation; PO Box 85, Rolla, MO 65402.

### Alumni Update

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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☐ I am interested in receiving the Kapers digitally

### History Book

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

☐ I have already received my copy

☐ Please send me a copy

### Homecoming 2007

There will be a house addition dedication ceremony during Homecoming 2007! Please let the Chapter know if you plan to attend.

☐ I will be attending Homecoming 2007

☐ I may be attending Homecoming 2007

☐ I will not be attending Homecoming 2007



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