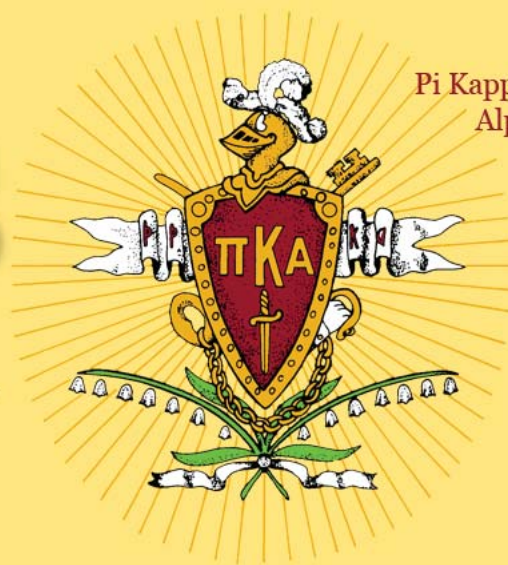


Kapers

A Publication of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Spring 2008 | Issue 5



Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
Alpha Kappa Chapter
613 W. 9th Street
Rolla, MO 65401

House Dedication
Page 4

AKEF Capital Campaign
Page 13



House of the Year
Page 22

φφκκ

Entities

Chapter

- 1 The President's Desk**
Read what Chapter SMC Chaz Blaschke has to say about the fall semester
- 2 Letter from the Editor**
Micah Weber comments on the structure of the new Kapers Committee
- 3 Ramsay's Corner**
Brother Ramsay discusses the many aspects of being AK's chapter advisor
- 4 Special Events**
Alpha Kappa brings home its second Greek Week trophy in three years
- 5 Community Service**
Pikes continue to serve the community with humility
- 6 Graduating Seniors**
Alpha Kappa graduates 10 deserving and commendable members
- 7 New Initiates / Pledges**
Welcoming four new brothers while pledging twenty-three
- 8 International Fraternity / Rush**
See how the future leaders of Alpha Kappa are being developed
- 9 Intramurals**
Raising the bar again while excelling in the athletic world of intramurals
- 10 Leadership**
See who is leading the fraternity and the Missouri S&T campus
- 11 Chapter Spotlight**
Brandon Shipman speaks about his experience as a pro ATV racer
- 12 Parents Club**
A successful start to the new Alpha Kappa Parents Club



Kapers

www.akpikes.com

Educational Foundation

- 13 Capital Campaign**
Transitioning from the private to the public campaign
- 14 Scholarships**
Alpha Kappa earns exceptional marks and shows the impact of scholarships
- 16 Alumni Scholarship Awardees**
The winners of alumni scholarships from 1987-1993 at Alpha Kappa
- 17 AKEF Financial Status**
A review of the giving levels and financial status of the AKEF

Alumni Association

- 18 Alumni Updates**
Career advancements, marriages, and other news from AK alumni
- 19 Alumni Events**
Are you involved with the AKAA? If not, see what you're missing
- 20 Alumni Profile**
Brother Jay Verhoff talks about his experiences in the Peace Corps

House Corporation

- 22 House of the Year Award**
Alpha Kappa wins House of the Year award for second time in five years
- 23 Expansion Dedication**
The newly completed expansion was dedicated over homecoming weekend

- 24 True Pike / Upcoming Events**
Reaffirm the True Pike motto and review some upcoming events for AK

Active Chapter:
Pi Kappa Alpha
Alpha Kappa Chapter
P.O. Box 156
Rolla, MO 65401

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

Alumni Association:
Alpha Kappa
Alumni Association
P.O. Box 460195
St. Louis, MO 63146

House Corporation:
Alpha Kappa
House Corporation
P.O. Box 85
Rolla, MO 65402

President's Desk

What another great semester to be an Alpha Kappa Pike! Once again, the men in the house spent countless hours working hard to achieve their goals, and once again the excellence has shown through. The semester was momentous in many ways for the Fraternity - beginning in August when Alpha Kappa brought home nine awards from the International Fraternity at The Academy in Memphis, TN, and continued with the transition into the chapter house, and the new 8,000 square foot expansion. The expansion was formally dedicated at the Homecoming Expansion Dedication Ceremony with the Mayor of the City of Rolla William Jenks III, Chancellor John Carney III, Executive Director Justin Buck, and the Powell family, among others, in attendance.

It is an understatement to say that Alpha Kappa stole the show this year at The Academy. It is not possible to describe the feeling you have when everybody in attendance, from hundreds of chapters all across the United States and Canada, know exactly who Alpha Kappa, from the Missouri University of Science & Technology, is. Among the awards brought home were the Chapter's **fourth** consecutive Smythe award, our **second** House of the Year Award in five years, the Community Service Award, the Scholarship Plaque, and the Alumni Relations award. This recognition from the International Fraternity is a sign that the Chapter's hard work and dedication is being recognized at the highest level.

When the members arrived this fall, it was different from the previous experiences. Our house now occupies almost twice as much land, and maneuvering within the parking lot is much easier. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of a group of alumni and the active chapter, the dream of the 100-man house was accomplished in early August just before the semester began. The vision that started years ago was now right in front of us. After a successful move-in (aided by the revised House Operations Manual for the larger house, formulated mostly through the hard work of Joel Schrenk, the House Manager of the summer and fall), the Chapter began familiarizing itself with the new, world-class facilities that it is so lucky to have. From an operational standpoint, there were a few new things that needed to be done in order to adapt to the larger house and having all of the men under one roof. The new wing was formally dedicated at the Homecoming celebration on October 20th.

The Chapter has excelled in the areas of programming this semester. This fall Alpha Kappa won its **second Greek Week in three years**. This is a testament to the time, energy, and hard work that the entire Chapter puts into accomplishing their goals. Also in the fall, AK placed second in Homecoming, falling just short of a repeat from last year's competition. At this year's homecoming, both Alpha



SMC Chaz Blaschke IV (AK '07)

Kappa's homecoming royalty won first place. Will Kirby, a senior in Civil & Architectural Engineering won the crown, while our queen candidate, Beth Groenke, the Missouri S&T student body president, took the high honor for the women. This marks the **third** year in a row that AK has won both the king and queen competitions.

The Chapter has also been working hard on the intramural athletic fields. We have a commanding lead of 176.5 points going into the spring semester. This is a larger lead than in any previous year, and should ensure our seventh intramural championship in eight years. Additionally, the Chapter finished the semester with a **house GPA of 3.11**, the second highest among all fraternities, which is higher than the **all-men's, all-fraternity, all-Greek, and all-student GPAs**.

As I end my tenure at both Alpha Kappa and University of Missouri-Rolla, I can look back at all of the great times I have had over the years with the men in the house. I can also reflect upon all of the great things that we accomplished, and how the journey made myself, and those around me, better men and better equipped to take on the world outside of the PIKA house. The house teaches us the leadership that is needed on the job to excel and stand out within the companies we work for after graduation, and to face the challenges head-on. The standard has been set for the future members of the house, and these are lofty goals, but it is understood that we cannot become complacent, but only continue to strive for continuous improvement, because the moment that we stagnate, we fail. If we can continue these practices, then Alpha Kappa will produce men of integrity and leaders in the community for many years to come.

In the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha,
Charles F. Blaschke IV, SMC

Spring 2008 Important Contacts

Alex Mear, SMC | abmvd7@mst.edu

Matt Wilson, Alumni | mawmb3@mst.edu

Jerel Bernasek, Parents | cjbc59@mst.edu

Steve Grelle, Rush | svgb79@mst.edu

Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

I would like to extend thanks to all who attended our Homecoming and Dedication Ceremony for the Expansion. There was a great turnout despite the distance some had to travel. The Chapter hopes to have just as large of a turnout for our Founders' Day celebration and for the 100th St. Pat's Celebration in March. As you can see, this will be an exciting semester for Alpha Kappa. Additionally, this semester marks the first semester that the university will be known by its new name, Missouri University of Science & Technology, or Missouri S&T.

For this issue, Alpha Kappa formed a committee to take on the challenging task to deliver a high quality Kapers for you, our friends, parents, and alumni. Four separate editors were chosen to coordinate and format each of the four entities that compose the Alpha Kappa Chapter: the House Corporation; the Alumni Association; the Educational Foundation; and the Active Chapter. In charge of the publication as whole is the editor-in-chief, who was agreed upon to be filled by the Alumni Relations chairman. Each of these positions will be filled by a different person for each issue. The committee will remove the burden from the Alumni Relations chairman from having to do the majority of the work needed to complete the magazine. Each week the committee met to discuss issues that had arisen and to make sure everyone was on schedule.

Alpha Kappa would like to thank all alumni, parents, and friends for all the support given to the active chapter. The level of success and standards that the Chapter has attained truly could not have been obtained without your support and involvement. Alpha Kappa is not just the active chapter, but the accumulation of all those that are involved, whether on a day-to-day basis or when called upon to help. Once again, thank you.

Wishes for a success-filled and enjoyable spring,

In the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha,

Micah Weber

Editor-in-Chief, Alpha Kappa Kapers



Alpha Kappa Kapers

Spring 2008

Issue 5

www.akpikes.com

Micah Weber, AK '07
Editor-In-Chief

Chaz Blaschke, AK '04
C. Jerel Bernasek, AK '05
Editor - AK Active Chapter

Jason Kath, AK '06
Editor - AK Alumni Association

Alex Mear, AK '04
Editor - AK Educational Foundation

Lance Weinmann, AK '06
Editor - AK House Corporation

The *Alpha Kappa Kapers* is published every semester by the Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity. The magazine is for alumni, active members, parents, and friends of the Alpha Kappa Chapter. It is part of the Chapter's communication to its alumni, parents, and friends, and is a vital tool in the continuation of this outreach. The magazine's goal is to keep readers informed and updated about the Alpha Kappa Chapter.

If you would like to comment or receive a digital copy of the publication, please complete the form on the back inside cover and mail to Pi Kappa Alpha, P.O. Box 156, Rolla, MO 65401.



Being the Chapter Advisor at AK is easy, except when it's hard. It takes time, and if it's done right, the CA is almost invisible. After all, the Active Chapter belongs to the "boys." They are the ones who make the decisions; they are the ones who create and then meet the budget; they are the ones who develop

the brotherhood into a life-long commitment. Bob Wolf always told me that a good Chapter Advisor is behind the scenes, working to guide and support the "boys." He and I always referred to them as "boys" even though we were aware that they were, and even admired them for being, good and decent men. RV would say to me, "If you have some great idea, never stand up in Chapter and blurt it out." Rather, talk to the SMC about it – if he thinks it's a good idea, then he will take it to the Executive Council. If they think it's a good idea, they will own it and take it to Chapter. By the time the idea is implemented no one will remember whose idea it was to begin with. He said to save what you had to say in Chapter for the things you really want them to hear. The Chapter Advisor should only address the Chapter when it's really really important. If they hear you too often – they will stop listening.

I can recall many years ago when Bob was annoyed at the "boys" because of mid-term grades. They were worse than terrible. He went to the Chapter meeting with a pocket full of quarters. When he stood to address the Chapter, he started with words I will never forget, "I cannot believe that you are as stupid or as lazy as your grades would indicate." Some of you will recall, and you others can imagine the tone of the following "speech from RV." He peppered his speech with a variety of curse words, each one followed by him slamming a quarter down on the table to pay the fine for cussing in chapter. As I sat there and looked around the room at ashen faces, gaping mouths, the look of deer in the headlights, or simple shock, I thought, "This guy really knows what he is doing." Of course, and as always – Bob Wolf knew what he was doing.

I'm not the Chapter Advisor that Bob was. I talk too often in Chapter; I meddle too much in chapter operations; I get onto the boys for

everything from needing a haircut to not studying enough; I occasionally get House Corporation and Educational Foundation Officers torqued at me; and I have a whole host of other transgressions. I do make suggestions the same way that Bob did, i.e., "You know Chaz, you should really think about doing this..." And of course the SMC gets the message and does it. Bob was truly the greatest. But, good, bad, or otherwise, I'm the Chapter Advisor you got. I really do believe in what the Chapter does, and I truly believe in living a life of phi phi kappa alpha, and that if you should do this, everything else will work out. The next Chapter Advisor will be the "guy you got," so be patient with him, as you have with me, and let him become a good advisor. I'm not planning on quitting, but I won't be here for all time to come.

AK has developed a reputation within our national organization. Once in a while, another Chapter Advisor will ask me "How do you do it?", or "How did you get AK to become such a powerhouse?" My answer is not one they are ready for or like. My answer is, "I didn't do it – they did it." The boys in the Active Chapter and the alumni alike did it. I just watched as they got sick and tired of being a "good" chapter that never won the Smythe. They then formed a plan, executed the plan, and became a truly excellent organization. I got to watch and take credit for the hard work that a lot of good and decent boys accomplished (and by the way, you are all boys no matter how long it's been since you were part of the Active Chapter).

As you know, I only have one message. Live your lives in phi phi kappa alpha. If you do that, you may not remember who the Junior Founders were, or what year Smythe was forced to retire, or whose Union Army uniform has messages in the breast pocket, or which founders were in the Confederate army, or which one was Union, or who sat out the war in England, or why the "K" is so big, or even what is protected by the Shield. But what you will know is what it means to be a good man. To live a life of integrity, that Brotherhood is life-long, and that love and friendship are based on what the diamond symbolizes. PiKA teaches us how to be good men and to want to become better men – by living in phi phi kappa alpha.

In the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha,

Your Friendly Neighborhood Chapter Advisor,

Ramsay

Special Events

Victory at Greek Week 2007!

For the second time in three years, Alpha Kappa brought home the Greek Week championship trophy. This comes as a wonderful follow-up to the Greek Week trophy AK brought home in 2005. The week was a great success for the Chapter from end-to-end. The Chapter competed in several different events including opening and closing games, banner and float competitions, carnival booth, blood drive, and other small events. With a great start to



Participating in the tug-of-war

the week by winning the opening games, AK helped its own cause by placing first, second, and second in the three days of idi-odysseys, a combination of multiple small, competitive events, many of which are significant in winning. The Chapter's float, a 12-foot tall "throne", helped AK to secure a first place finish, along with the Chapter's banner, a tribute to musical legends. This year, Brian Amsler (AK '05) represented the house as the Greek Week God "Zeus", a highly prestigious honor voted upon by Interfraternity Council, providing the extra motivation to win.

Homecoming 2007 - Expansion Dedication

This year's Homecoming was a very special time for Alpha Kappa. The Chapter held a ceremony dedicating the newly completed expansion that was added to the existing chapter house. The new expansion was built to hold an additional 40 men, raising total capacity of the chapter house to 104 members.

The ceremony began with President Chaz Blaschke welcoming everyone, followed by Mayor William Jenks III and Chancellor John Carney III saying a few select words. Next, President Blaschke delivered a State of the Chapter speech, highlighting the Chapter's accomplishments. He closed by presenting gifts to key individuals for their roles in the completion of the house expansion. Afterwards, speeches from the International Fraternity, AK Alumni Association, AK Educational Foundation, and AK House Corporation were given. Also during the ceremony, the President of the AK Education Foundation, Keith Wedge, announced the commencement of the AKEF's Capital Campaign, an effort to raise \$1,500,000 to continue the scholarships awarded to members each semester. Additionally, Pierre Powell spoke on behalf of his father, Alfred Powell. To conclude the ceremony, Bob Brockhaus, president of the AK House Corporation, christened the expansion by shattering a bottle of champagne over the cornerstone of the expansion. In the words of Justin Buck, Executive Director of the International Fraternity, "This is an event which makes Pi Kappa Alpha's best house even better... truly one of its Shining Stars."



Brother Robert Kallemeier (AK '62) being presented with a token of appreciation

Chapter SMC Chaz Blaschke (AK '07) addressing the audience



Homecoming Royalty

For a third year in a row, the UMR Homecoming Court was led by Pi Kappa Alpha. Will Kirby (AK '04) and Beth Groenke (Student Body President), both Pi Kappa Alpha candidates, were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during the ceremony. Additionally, Dan Ryan (AK '06) was runner-up in the king competition. AK won second place overall in the competition.



Pictured, from left: Will Kirby (AK '04) & Beth Groenke; Will Kirby & Dan Ryan (AK '06)



Community Service

AK Rides for Multiple Sclerosis

For the second consecutive year, a group of Alpha Kappa members rode in the Express Scripts Gateway Chapter MS-150. The two-day, 150-mile bike ride benefits the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The team rose over \$2,000 for the event, which was donated to the MS Society to fund research in an effort to find a cure for the deadly disease. The event took place outside Columbia, MO, where the majority of teams camp in an empty field prior to and between rides. The gates opened at 7:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings for the more than 3,500 riders to begin their long days. During day one the AK team rode 106 miles, completing the century loop in just over five hours. On the second day, the team rode over 76 miles, thereby cycling over 180 miles in two days. The two day ride exhausted all riders, but Alpha Kappa was glad to ride in the event, as it gave a feeling of achievement while helping find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.



AK Riding Team, from left to right: Mike Schroer (AK '04); Andy Reitter (AK '04); Will Kirby (AK '04); Ryan Hiestand (AK '04); Joel Schrenk (AK '04); Chaz Blaschke (AK '07); and Eric Dixon (AK '07)

Halloween Haunted Halls

This past Halloween, Alpha Kappa opened the chapter house to the Rolla community for some frightening excitement as members transformed the upstairs of the house into some Haunted Halls. The Chapter welcomed countless families into the transversed home, providing a thrill for both children of the community and members of the Chapter. The event, which raised 23 hours of service, has become an annual treat for AK while continuing to be popular with the Rolla community.

Steeleville, MO Construction

On the weekend of October 5th – 7th, 25 men of Alpha Kappa traveled to Steeleville, MO to help the Ozark Trail Association. This group constructed roughly a mile of brand new hiking trail from scratch. John Roth, director of the Ozark Trail Association, was generous enough to let AK stay at his farm, allowing AK to have a brotherhood event while also accumulating 1,048 hours.



Blazing new trails in Steeleville, MO

Springfield, MO Deconstruction

During the same weekend as the Ozark Trail trip, another group of AK members visited the Council of Churches in Springfield, MO to provide assistance. While in Springfield, the group of 19 disassembled a shed, repaired an old trailer, and painted an old storage building, all while accumulating 830 hours of community service.



Alpha Kappa takes a picture break at Springfield, MO

Graduating Seniors

December 2007 Graduates

On December 15th, 2007, ten members of Pi Kappa Alpha graduated from the University of Missouri-Rolla to begin their 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 taken prior to Commencement (From left to right): Robert Belleville; Benjamin Swagman; Nicholas Toeller; Eric Dixon; Charles Blaschke IV; Joseph Grier; David Hill; Michael Hayes; and Benjamin Schnurbusch. Not pictured: Daniel Roth.



Robert Allen Belleville (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Business and Economics. While at UMR, Robert was essential in the recent intramural success of AK. Robert took a position with Northwestern Mutual Financial in St. Louis, MO.



Charles Francis Blaschke IV (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. While at AK, Chaz served as Computer Chair, Rush Chair, ThC and SMC. He served as Treasurer of ASME and played UMR Lacrosse. Chaz accepted a position with Burt, Hill in Dubai, UAE.



Eric Michael Dixon (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Eric was Continuing Education Chair, as well as secretary for ASME during his time at UMR. He accepted a position with B&A, Inc. in Kansas City, MO.



Joseph John Grier (AK '03) graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Joe served AK as SMC, Pledge Educator, Rush Chair and SC. He also served as IFC Vice President and Theta Tau Omega President while on campus. Joe accepted a job with Kiewit Industrial in Kansas City, MO.



David Alan Hill (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Engineering Management and Economics. David served AK as Computer & Alumni Relations Chairs, House Manager, Rush Chair and Centennial Chairman. On campus he was involved with STAT, SUB, ASEM, & IIE. David accepted a job with Lockheed Martin in St. Louis, MO.



Michael Lewis Hayes (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering. While at AK, Mike served as MC, Brotherhood Chair and Social Chair. On campus he served as a student ambassador. Mike took a position with SM Wilson in Springfield, IL.



Daniel Clayton Roth (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Chemical and Biological Engineering. While at UMR, he was involved with Alpha Chi Sigma. Daniel accepted a job with Archer-Daniels-Midland in Decatur, IL.



Benjamin Craig Schnurbusch (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Engineering Management. Ben served AK as House Manager and 2nd IMC. On campus Ben was the captain of the UMR baseball team and a member of Order of Omega. He accepted a job with GE in Bloomington, IL.



Benjamin Paul Swagman (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Engineering Management. Ben served as Risk Manager and Social Chair in his time at AK. He also worked as Concert Director for SUB.



Nicholas Joseph Toeller (AK '03) graduated with a BS in Engineering Management. Nick was on the Ingress Team and Fundraising Chair for AK, and also played soccer for UMR for four years.

New Initiates & Pledges

Initiation Update

On September 7th, 2007, four outstanding men of the Spring 2007 pledge class were initiated into the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha. Led by pledge educator Andrew Reitter (AK '04), they completed their pledge semester with an overall GPA above both the all-men's and all-fraternity at 3.475. These young men have already begun to develop as leaders and contribute to the chapter in positive ways.

Pictured, from left to right: Brian Timothy Tucker, Matthew Allen Wilson, Nicholas Scott Landon, Brett Joseph Gaumond, Andrew Reitter (AK '04).



Fall 2007 Pledge Class

Rush chairmen Chaz Blaschke (AK '07) and Josh Heger (AK '06) rushed one of the largest pledge class on MS&T's campus with 23 men. The group is diverse, coming from various parts of the United States with many different backgrounds. By the end of the semester, 20 men had fulfilled their obligations.

Pictured, left to right: (Back Row) Zachary Bianchi, O'Fallon, MO; Michael Pendergrass, Cape Fair, MO; Garrett McCarthy, Chesterfield, MO; Aditya Sharma, Overland Park, KS; Keith Kernan, St. Genevieve, MO; Mitch Jones, Grand Island, NE; Aaron Gowdy, Olathe, KS; Charles Brown, Troy, IL; Brian Daming, Weldon Spring, MO; Brandon Shipman, Henley, MO; Kaleb Hoffman, O'Fallon, MO; (Front Row) William Loeffler, Moscow Mills, MO; Garrett Hausman, Bethalto, IL; Logan Gillespie, Albany, MO; Kevin Oehler, St. Louis, MO; Brandon Cundiff, Lee's Summit, MO; Stephen Bostic, Wentzville, MO; Robert Lichtenberg, Pledge Educator; Andrew Brune, St. Charles, MO; Gregg Crannick, Sunrise Beach, MO; Jameson Metcalf, Webb City, MO; Blake Summers, Overland Park, MO; Drew Calvert, Blue Springs, MO; Andrew Parrish, Edina, MO.



International Fraternity

Developing New Leaders

Once again Alpha Kappa had a very strong presence at this year's Pike University Leadership Conference in Kansas City, MO. Pike University is a series of leadership presentations that unites chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha throughout the nation for one weekend of learning, teaching, and revealing. During these conferences, Pikes attend various seminars and meetings that explain the founding of the 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. Break-out sessions give leaders of the chapters a chance to converse one-on-one with leaders from other chapters in the region about issues that each of



39 AKs attended Pike University in Kansas City, MO

their chapters face and how to meet these challenges. Another great segment of the weekend is the "Pike University Certified" programs. These sessions are for members who have attended three or more Pike University events to discuss more in-depth chapter programming issues and find solutions to these problems. Alpha Kappa's participation in these events has had a tremendous impact on the Chapter's performance. For the third consecutive year, the conference was held in

Kansas City, MO, a central location for the Heartland and Great Plains regions. Alpha Kappa had 39 men attend the conference, where ideas were generated to increase the Chapter's standing. The Chapter strongly encourages all pledges and executive officers to attend these events in order to instill an understanding and passion in the future. Because of these practices, AK consistently has the highest attendance of all other chapters in the region.

Rush

"A man will join the best house where he feels he has the most friends." This motto was the driving force behind rush this semester. It was another successful semester of rush for Alpha Kappa, as the chapter heads into the upcoming spring semester with eight new men. This total once again put Pi Kappa Alpha at the top of the leaderboard for campus-wide spring rush.

Due to extensive research by the newly formed rush committee, more effective rush tactics were developed, allowing Alpha Kappa the possibility of signing the "most best" men. Some of these changes involved doing more smaller events, such as individual dinners, where actives and rushees could communicate on a one-to-one basis. Additionally, these small events led to communication between rushees, which begins to form the bonds of friendship and brotherhood even before pledging. By limiting the size of rush events, a rushee is shown who he will be pledging with, giving him more information for his decision.

For future rush plans, the rush committee will be evaluating the new pledge class to determine how they enjoyed their rush process. With this solid group, Pi Kappa Alpha will retain its top spot at Missouri S&T.

Want To Help With Rush?

Do you know someone who is graduating from high school and coming to Missouri S&T? Do you think they would they make a great Pike? The Chapter would love your support in recruiting the "most best" men. Our recruitment program is attempting to generate more names than ever before to keep the quality of members at Alpha Kappa above the standard. Please do not hesitate to recommend him if you do not know him; any recommendations will be actively pursued with utmost urgency and attention.

Rush Chairman:

Steve Grelle | svgb79@mst.edu
Dan Ryan | dlrkbd@mst.edu

Setting the Bar Higher Again

Alpha Kappa has won the overall intramurals title at UMR six of the past seven years, and Alpha Kappa sees the first intramural title at Missouri S&T in its sights. The intramural A-Team has set off to a great start so far this season, and currently is in first place in the overall standings with a commanding lead of 176.5 points 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 with a perfect record of 4-0, taking the #1 seed in the playoffs. While in the playoffs, AK defeated Lambda Chi Alpha and Kappa Alpha to return to the championship game, facing a strong Sigma Nu team. In the championship, Pikes came away with the win in what would turn out to be a very exciting contest, winning in the bottom of the seventh with a game-winning hit. Following the softball season, the intramural golf tournament took place in late September, as brothers Jerel Bernasek (AK '05), Dan Ryan (AK '06), Ben Schnurbusch (AK '07), and pledge Jameson Metcalf garnered a third place finish.

Several other sports took place this fall, including cross-country, billiards, and badminton. Brother Will Kirby (AK '04) and pledge Andrew Brune ran exceptionally well in the 5k cross-country meet in October. Both of them earned top 12 finishes, placing Pikes sixth overall. The Pikes looked to defend their title in billiards this year as brothers Dan Roth (AK '07) and Michael Schroer (AK '04) represented Alpha Kappa in the tournament. Brother Roth took home an impressive second place finish in the singles tournament on Friday night, and then Roth and Schroer united for the doubles tournament on Saturday, and fought



A Team Softball - 2007 Intramural Champions



A Team Football - 2007 Intramural Champions



A Team Ultimate - 2007 Intramural Champions



A Team Volleyball - 2007 4th Place

their way to fifth place. Pikes just missed defending their title, but did walk away with a second place finish overall. In badminton, brother Nathan Doubleddee (AK '04) battled his way to a fourth place singles finish, then teamed up with Ryan Bell (AK '05) to place ninth in the doubles competition, placing PiKA in sixth place overall.

PiKA also fared well in other events like swimming and ultimate frisbee. These were team events however, required a solid team effort in order to succeed. 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 ultimate frisbee team was the biggest surprise of the semester for PiKA. After breezing through the first and second day of the competition with a perfect record, the A-Team challenged "The Knowns", winner of last year's competition, to defend their title. PiKA came away with the championship, a first in recent history.

Flag football was next on the schedule, and PiKA gladly accepted the challenge. While again completing the regular season with a record of 4-0, Pikes wound up with the #1 seed in the playoffs and would play Sigma Nu again in the championship game. PiKA came out victorious in a fierce contest, winning 19-7 to finish 7-0 and with the first flag football championship in recent memory of the Chapter. Volleyball was the final sport of the fall season. The Pikes finished the season with a 3-1 record, losing to 7 North in the regular season and in the playoffs, and were defeated in the consolation game against Sigma Nu, finishing in fourth place in the competition.

Alpha Kappa has paved the way for another championship through their hard work and dedication this fall. The men of AK look forward to getting out on the courts and fields again to prove that PiKA is number one in the intramural competition at Missouri S&T.

Leadership

Fall 2007 Leaders

Executive Council

SMC: *Charles Blaschke IV*

1st IMC: *Stephen Grelle*

2nd IMC: *Andrew Arnold*

ThC: *Jerel Bernasek*

SC: *Dan Ryan*

Pledge Educator: *Rob Lichtenberg*

House Manager: *Joel Schrenk*

Rush: *Lance Weinmann*



Top, from left to right: Jerel Bernasek (AK '05); Joel Schrenk (AK '04); Chaz Blaschke (AK '07); Rob Lichtenberg (AK '04). Bottom, from left to right: Stephen Grelle (AK '06); Dan Ryan (AK '06); Andrew Arnold (AK '05); Lance Weinmann (AK '06)

Committee Chairmen

Alumni Relations: *Micah Weber*

Assistant ThC: *John Pettit*

Brotherhood: *Jeff Busby*

Campus Involvement: *Ryan O'Daniel*

Community Service: *Nick Montesana*

Computers: *Fred Reineke*

Continuing Ed: *Billy Cacheris*

Correspondence: *Brett Gaumond*

Fundraising: *Steve Rothermich*

Historian: *Anthony Reiger*

House Duties: *Curtis McDonald*

House Exterior: *Joel Birke*

House Fix-It: *Matt Staskelunas*

Intramurals: *Andy Held*

Parents Club: *Ryan Hiestand*

Public Relations: *Joel Birke*

Risk Management: *Greg Miller*

Scholarship: *Curtis McDonald*

Social: *Drew Huebner*

Sorority Relations: *Tom Graff*

Sp. Events (Fall): *Josh Kaltenbronn*

Sp. Events (Spring): *Alex Mathis*

Steward: *Caleb Waldbuesser*

Leaders On Campus

Alpha Phi Omega

1st Vice President: *Kevin Laut*

Social Chair: *Drew Rothermich*

American Institute of Chem. Engineers

Soda Boy: *Joshua Kaltenbronn*

American Society of Eng. Management

Vice President: *Alex Mear*

American Society of Mech. Engineers

President: *Wade Aitken-Palmer*

Treasurer: *Andrew Held*

Secretary: *Brett Gaumond*

Trips Coordinator: *Chaz Blaschke IV*

Engineers Without Borders

President: *William Kirby*

Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Secretary: *Adam Wolf*

Intercollegiate Knights

Vice President: *Kevin Laut*

Pledge Educator: *Afif Najjar*

Social Chair: *William Cacheris*

Interfraternity Council

President: *Andrew Arnold*

Greek Week Chairman: *Steve Rothermich*

Baby Representative: *Alex Mathis*

International Society of Explosive Engineers

Advertisements: *Joe Roth*

John Marshall Pre-Law Society

Vice President: *Ryan Hiestand*

St. Pat's Committee

Sales Manager: *Elliot Giles*

Decorations Manager: *Jeremiah Mohan*

Recruitment: *Dan Ryan*

Baby Representative: *Andrew Rasdall*

Student Council

Exec-At-Large: *Dan Ryan*

Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow

Vice President: *Lance Weinmann*

Treasurer: *Jerel Bernasek*

Secretary: *Curt McDonald*

Theta Tau Omega

President: *Joe Grier*

Missouri S&T Lacrosse

Treasurer: *Ryan Hiestand*

Secretary: *Tom Graff*

Public Relations: *Steve Grelle*

Varsity Soccer

Captain: *Mike McNamee*

Brandon Shipman Rides into Alpha Kappa

Brandon Shipman (AK '08) is a newly initiated member of the Alpha Kappa Chapter. Graduating from Eugene High School in Henley, MO with honors in 2007, Brandon has decided to attend Missouri S&T with one career goal: extend his knowledge of ATVs. Brandon is a professional ATV racer.

Brandon's racing career first began at the age of six when he started racing at county fairs to follow in his father's footsteps. By the time Brandon was nine in 1998, he was racing in the Missouri Hare Scramble Series in the 200cc adult class, which races ATVs in a cross-country format. Brandon finished the season in fifth place overall. When Brandon reached twelve years old, he started racing in local motocross races. He then learned to jump and developed a very competitive drive and ambition to compete. Beginning to race all over Missouri, Brandon ended the season in third place in the adult C class. While racing in 2001, Bud Fischer, a custom ATV designer, spotted him and spoke with Brandon's father about building a custom ATV, and after much discussion, Fischer was commissioned to build the modified ATV to race in the national spotlight for the following year. Brandon placed sixth the next year.

Brandon continued to race in the national spotlight and was very successful until July 2003, when a tragic

accident caused Brandon's career to come to a halt. The accident collapsed both his lungs and fractured three ribs, as well as the fifth vertebra and left shoulder blade. After a speedy recovery, he was racing again in September at the last race of the year and clinched fourth place for the year in the total point standings.

In 2004 Brandon began racing in the youth production class, won two races, and was considered the second fastest youth rider nationally. The next year he raced Motocross in the highest amateur class. He finished out the year and even though he missed three races, still ended up in the top six places for the season.

The following year Brandon raced in the Pro-Am circuit. Pro-Am is considered the stepping stone between the amateur and professional classes. Placing fourth in Pro-Am, Brandon amazed many people because of his youth and because of his great achievement, was considered and finally sponsored to become a professional ATV racer. This past year in 2007, Brandon set a mark as he became the youngest racer in the Professional class at just 18. At his first event in Arkansas, he finished in ninth place, proving that he belonged in the Pro circuit and eventually finished the season with three top ten finishes and

a rank of 13th. His current goal is to finish the 2008 race season with a top five finish. With his drive and passion for racing, and the support of Alpha Kappa, Brandon states, "I see this goal as manageable and would like to thank AK for all the support in my endeavors."



Photo: Shane Hartman

Brandon Shipman (AK '08)

Two Members of Alpha Kappa Represent University at ASEM Conference

In early November, Alpha Kappa members Jeff Busby (AK '04) and Alex Miear (AK '04) attended the 28th American Society of Engineering Management (ASEM) National Conference. Brothers Busby and Miear were representing Missouri S&T as members of a four person team competing in a student case study competition. Jeff and Alex were chosen by the Engineering Management department for their background and experience, as well as leadership capabilities. Each student team was given a case study chosen by the ASEM organizers' and given 4 hours to analyze the case study, develop recommendations for success, and generate a presentation. Then, each team presented their recommendations to a panel of judges. Led by team leader Jeff Busby, the MS&T team gave a strong presentation on a sub-unit of 3M. They expanded the new product development tools for 3M to increase the effectiveness of their new product development process. With the help of Jeff and Alex, the MS&T team tied for 1st place.



Brothers Jeff Busby (AK '04), second from right, and Alex Miear (AK '04), far right

AK graduate named EMGT Undergraduate of the Year

Ben Schnurbusch (AK '07) was presented with the honor of Most Outstanding Undergraduate by the department of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering at the department's semester luncheon. The award was voted upon by the EMSE faculty on devotion to the department and presence in the classroom.



Ben Schnurbusch

Parents Club

AK's 1st Mom's Day a Success

On September 29th, 2007, AK held its first ever Mom's Day. Mom's Day was also held over Parents Weekend at UMR, and the event was a huge success. The AK Parents Club is a result of the accumulation of efforts by parents of actives, local alumni, and members of the active chapter. It was created because the Chapter felt that parents are an essential part of Alpha Kappa through the support they provide.

To begin the morning, a brunch was held in Wolf Hall for all actives, parents, and alumni in attendance. After Wolf Hall was cleaned and rearranged, the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation then presented the Chapter with scholarships from



Mom's Day Brunch



Scholarship Presentation

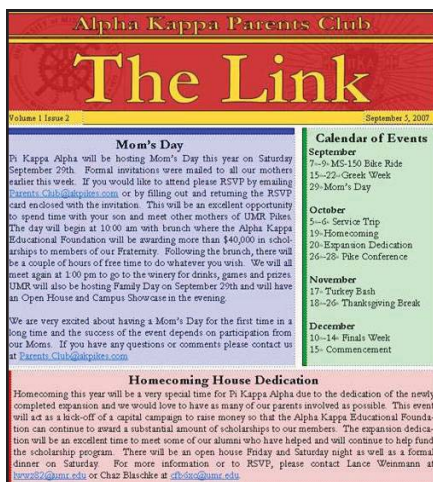
the spring semester (Please see page 14 for more information). Members of Alpha Kappa received in excess of \$44,000 through scholarships endowed by our alumni. After the banquet, a large group went to Ferrigno's winery, where they spent the rest of the afternoon relaxing and building a better sense of community.

Alpha Kappa would like to thank all the moms and other family members who were able to attend. There were more than 150 people in attendance for the brunch and awards banquet. This number is a pleasant surprise for Alpha Kappa, as this was the first event of the newly formed Parents Club and showed what potential the Parents Club has. Again, AK would like to thank all moms and other family members in attendance for the special event.

The Link

In addition to having events for both moms and dads of Alpha Kappa members, AK also has developed a monthly e-newsletter that is distributed to all parents. "The Link", as it is better known, serves as a method of communicating with all parents to inform them of what events have taken place over the past month, and also what events Alpha Kappa is expecting to do in the upcoming weeks. Additionally, a "Pike of the Month" is selected by the Chapter members to be profiled in the monthly e-newsletter. Past winners include brothers Will Kirby (AK '04), Dan Ryan (AK '06), Ben Schnurbusch (AK '07), and Nick Montesana (AK '06), all selected for their outstanding efforts and dedication to the fraternity and campus.

If you are not receiving "The Link" and would like to or if you have any other questions or concerns, please send an email to parents.club@akpikes.com. Additionally, AK would like to invite all parents down for International Work Day on April 5th, where you can visit with your son and meet the rest of the chapter. We hope to see you then!



A view of "The Link"

Parent Recruitment

As part of Alpha Kappa's recruitment program, we would like to involve you, the parents, as much as possible. Our recruitment program is attempting to generate more names than ever before to keep the quality of members at Alpha Kappa above the standard. To do this, we ask that if you know or have noticed any high school seniors attending Missouri S&T that you please give his name to us. Please do not hesitate to recommend him if you do not know him; it is this type of dynamic recruitment that will allow us to continue our quality and quantity of success. Parent participation in our recruitment program is invaluable to our success. Thanks for your help!

AKEF Capital Campaign

Alfred & Ursula Powell Contribute \$250,000 New Addition to Be Known as the Al Powell Wing

Brother Alfred R. Powell (AK '62) kicked off the AKEF Capital Campaign last spring with a \$250,000 challenge contribution pledge to the Educational Foundation. To receive the full \$250,000, AKEF needed to raise a matching amount by the end of 2007. AKEF used this unique opportunity to set an even higher goal of a \$1,500,000 endowment fund. This amount will allow the funding of over \$75,000 in scholarships in future years, with surplus earnings being returned to grow the principal to counter long-term inflation.

Al Powell was initiated into Alpha Kappa on April 13th, 1958, and graduated from MSM in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering. His first two years after graduation were spent with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he achieved the rank of Captain. While stationed in Germany in 1962, he met Ursula Goebel, who was working as a technical translator for Post Engineering. They married in 1964 and have three children.



COL Pierre Powell (AK '87)
speaking at the Dedication

After discharge from the Army in 1964, Al went to work for Shell Oil Company as a petrophysicist. 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 addition to Al, other members of the Powell family have been members of Alpha Kappa. These include: his cousin Joseph R. Powell (AK '51); Al's brother and nephew, Virgil Lee Powell (AK '55) and Michael Lee Powell (AK '80); and Al and Ursula's son, John Pierre Powell (AK '87). COL Pierre Powell, USAF, represented his father at the formal dedication ceremony held last October during the UMR Homecoming weekend. Pierre pledged an additional contribution for the naming of a study room in the addition.

Other recent major contributors will be featured in future editions of the Kapers.

AKEF Capital Campaign

The Goal...

The Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation has undertaken a goal of raising \$1,500,000 for an endowment fund to support undergraduate scholarships and awards. This will allow the funding of over \$75,000 in scholarships each year, with the surplus earnings used to grow the principal to counter long-term inflation.

The Challenge...

To date, over \$650,000 has been donated or pledged, including the \$250,000 challenge contribution from Alfred Powell (AK '62) and over \$400,000 in gifts and endowments established for Alpha Kappa. To achieve the financial goal, AKEF needs the support of several more major donors, as well as many with smaller contributions. To encourage major donors, the AK House Corporation has authorized the AKEF to offer naming rights to rooms and other parts of the new addition, as well as some in the existing chapter house. Additionally, a Path of Honor is planned around the new pavilion in the rear court yard of the new wing. Engraved bricks will honor those that have contributed \$500 or more. This path will become a permanent reminder of alumni dedication and support to the Alpha Kappa Chapter.

The Scholarships...

Last year alone, over \$60,000 in scholarships were awarded to our undergraduate brothers. These awards were not only for academic and athletic success, but for success in meeting chapter leadership goals. The AKEF has developed specific performance criteria for each of the chapter's officers, and each officer's level of success is evaluated against known objectives at the end of each semester. Our undergraduate members have excelled in community service, campus organizations, public and alumni relations, financial responsibility, and support to university events such as St. Pats, Greek Week, and Homecoming.

The Results...

The AKEF's scholarship program has greatly contributed to the success of Alpha Kappa Chapter. For the fourth straight semester, Alpha Kappa retained its GPA above the all-men's and all-fraternity averages, receiving a 3.11 for the fall 2007 semester. Alpha Kappa also received recognition from our International Fraternity for having a Chapter GPA over 3.00 during 2006-07 school year. The Chapter received many other awards, including its fourth consecutive Smythe Award, Chapter Excellence Award, and for the second time in five years, was selected as "House of the Year," an award given to the single-best managed chapter house internationally.

Scholarships

Chapter Success Continues due to Generous Alumni Support

University of Missouri-Rolla has officially become Missouri University of Science & Technology (Missouri S&T). Even though the University has changed its name, the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha has not changed its mission toward excellence. Accomplishing this mission would not be possible without the continued financial support of Alpha Kappa's generous alumni. On Mom's Day, \$44,950 was awarded to 72 different members of the chapter. Having so many active chapter members receive some type of scholarship illustrates the AKEF's goal of rewarding a wide number of brothers. A total of \$12,200 was given for academic success, \$6,200 for leadership contributions, \$16,600 for specific alumni awards, and \$9,950 for memorial scholarships.



Wentz Award Winners - Jeff Burke (AK '06), Josh Kaltenbronn (AK '07)



Leadership Award Winners - Kenneth Baer (AK '06), Jerel Bernasek (AK '05), Ben Schnurbusch (AK '07), Ryan Hiestand (AK '04), Andrew Reitter (AK '04), Alex Mear (AK '04), Curt McDonald (AK '06)



Grimm Award Winners - Andrew Reitter (AK '04), Greg Miller (AK '05); Not pictured - Jeremy Schlosser (AK '05)

Memorial Awards

Frisbee Award
David Hill

Wolf Award
Ryan Eller

Thompson Award
Lance Weinmann

Rippert Award
Brett Gaumond
Nicholas Landon

Hubbard Award
Matthew Wilson

Drebes Award
Stephen Grelle

Gevecker Award
Stephen Bostic
Andrew Brune
Gregg Crannick
Brian Daming
Kaleb Hoffman
Mitch Jones
Andrew Parrish
Aditya Sharma
Matthew Wilson

Leadership Awards

Andrew Binz
Adam Daniel
Ryan Hiestand
Derek Pelate
Andrew Reitter
Benjamin Schnurbusch
Lance Weinmann

Rush Captains

Kenneth Baer
Jerel Bernasek
Thomas Graff
Curtis McDonald
Alex Mear

Kruger Award
William Kirby
Lucas Rottler
Dan Ryan
Joel Schrenk

IM Athlete Award
Nathan Doubledde
Lucas Rottler

Morgan Award
Nicholas Montesana

Alumni Awards

Spence Award
Caleb Waldbuesser

Miller Award
Charles Chappell
Michael Hayes

Latzer Award
John Pettit

Wentz Award
Jeffrey Burke
Joshua Kaltenbronn

Bauer Award
Jerel Bernasek
Andrew Binz
Charles Blaschke
Ryan Eller
Stephen Grelle

Grimm Award
Jeremy Schlosser
Andrew Reitter
Gregory Miller

Gund Award
Micah Weber

Alyea Award
Evan Stevens

AKEF Welcomes Owen Lasker to Board of Directors

Owen Lasker (AK '64) has joined the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation (AKEF) Board of Directors. Owen graduated in 1964 with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering. He began his career with Caterpillar Inc., but his career was quickly interrupted by the Army and Vietnam. Upon discharge, he went to work for Cooper Energy Services, and while working in Houston, received an MBA in Finance from the University of Houston. After a short stint in his home office in Ohio, he moved to Dubai, where he worked for 11 years. Owen took an early retirement in 1987 and moved to New Hampshire to become a stockbroker. After a few years working for a Wall Street firm, he set up his own financial practice, specializing in retirement planning. He sold his practice in 2005 and retired to Prescott Valley, Arizona. Over the years Owen has served on boards of many non-profit organizations, ranging from the Humane Society to a Senior Center. It is great to have someone with Owen's financial planning experience join the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

Scholastic Awards

3.8 - 4.0

Charles Blaschke
Jeffrey Burke
Ryan Eller
Daniel Gravlín
Stephen Grelle
Nicholas Montesana
Andrew Reitter
Joel Schrenk
Evan Stevens
Matthew Wilson

3.5 - 3.79

William Cacheris
Colin Douthit
Elliott Giles
Thomas Graff
Andrew Held
Nicholas Landon
Curtis McDonald
Jon Miller
Brandon Moore
Ryan O'Daniel
Kevin Post
Daniel Roth
Joseph Roth
Ben Schnurbusch
Brian Tucker

Lance Weinmann
Josh Young

3.2 - 3.49

Wade Aitken-Palmer
Kenneth Baer
Nicholas Baner
Jerel Bernasek
Andrew Binz
Jason Daming
Eric Dixon
Neil Fehr
Brett Gaumont
Jared Hellebusch
Joshua Kaltenbronn
Jason Kath
Kevin Laut
Thomas Lawton
Michael McNamee
Ian Miller
Jeremiah Mohan
John Pettit
Fredrick Reineke
Andrew Rothermich
Stephen Rothermich
Lucas Rottler
Micah Weber
Christopher Zerr

Two Golden Alumni to be Recognized with Named Floors in the New Wing

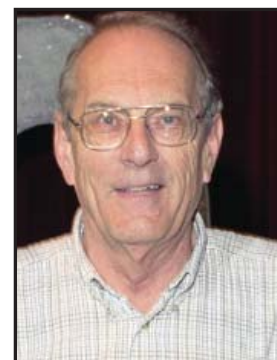
Two 50-year alumni, Richard H. Bauer and David C. Grimm, will be honored for their individual contributions of over \$100,000 to support undergraduate Alpha Kappa Scholarships. Each will have a floor in the new \$2,000,000 chapter house wing named in their honor.

Richard H. Bauer was initiated into Alpha Kappa Chapter on December 2nd, 1948. As an undergraduate member, Dick held the positions of SC and SMC. Dick is a well-known MSM alumnus with many years of service on the Miner Alumni Association, including terms as Alumni Association President (1976-1978), St. Louis Section President (1961), Public Resource Ambassador, Chancellor's Leadership Speaker, and Honorary Knight of St. Patrick. He was awarded the Presidential Citation from the University of Missouri for volunteer service in 1984. He is also a member of the UMR Academy of Chemical Engineers and the Order of the Golden Shillelagh. Dick retired as President and Chairman of Missouri Electrochem, Inc. Prior to founding Missouri Electrochem, Dick honed his knowledge of the chemical industry at Olin Industries, Universal Match Corporation, and G.S. Robbins and Company. Dick and his wife Shirley recently increased their funds to the previously established Dick and Shirley Bauer Scholarship to recognize members of Alpha Kappa who are majoring in Chemical or Metallurgical Engineering. In addition to Dick, Shirley's brother, Teddy Wolfarth (AK '48), was also elected Alpha Kappa SMC in 1947.

David C. Grimm was initiated into Alpha Kappa Chapter on March 9th, 1947. As an undergraduate member, he was twice elected SMC and also held the offices of ThC and Pledge Educator. Dave was very active on campus as a member of Blue Key, Theta Tau, the American Society of Metals, and the Interfraternity Council. He was president of his junior class and a member of the Miner basketball team. Before retirement, Dave was president/owner of Argo Transdata Corporation, an electronic manufacturing service company. His late wife Lucille was a well-known accomplished artist. Dave is a member of the Order of the Golden Shillelagh and was inducted into the Academy of the School of Mines and Metallurgy in 2005. He established the David C. Grimm Scholarship to recognize Alpha Kappa members who excel in campus involvement, community service, scholastic achievement, and chapter contribution.



Richard H. Bauer (AK '51)



David C. Grimm (AK '50)

Scholarship Program

Continuation of the Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program

In the Spring and Fall 2007 Kapers, a list of alumni who received scholarships during their tenure as undergraduates from the Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program from inception to 1986 was published. This addition of the Kapers will span from 1987 to 1993. During these years, the scholarship program continued to distribute scholarships to students through the named endowments and honor society initiation fees. Other than expanding the honor societies which qualify for reimbursement, such as Blue Key Honor Society, no additional scholarships were started or expanded from 1987-1993.

As always, a detailed explanation of the aforementioned scholarships begins on page 265, "Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation Appendix" of A History of the Pi Kappa Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, Rolla, MO, 1905-2005.

Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program 1987-1993

1987

Pierre Powell – Overall Scholastic
Fredrick Kielhorn – Sem Scholastic
Chris Quinn – Sch Improvement
Trace Orf – Hubbard
Chris Thornton – Hubbard
Andrew Reinitz – Morgan
Grant Degenhardt – Morgan
Alan Bess – Drebes
Douglas Morris – Thompson
Mark Helein – Rippert
Jeffrey Costellia – Frisbee
Jeffrey Schrader – Frisbee
Terry Mocker – IM Athlete
Doug Nolkemper – Honor Society
Timothy Crosnoe – Honor Society
Sean Foote – Honor Society
Alan Bess – Honor Society
Daniel Moran – Honor Society
John Ledbetter – Honor Society
Chris Thornton – Honor Society
Chris Dondzila – Honor Society
Gregory Morris – Honor Society
Pierre Powell – Honor Society
Fredrick Kielhorn – Honor Society
Grant Degenhardt – Honor Society
Ronald Davis – Honor Society
Douglas Morris – Honor Society

1988

Timothy Crosnoe – Overall Sch
Wayne Grothaus – Sem Scholastic
Brian Fortman – Scholastic
Christopher Mallow – Hubbard
Michael Morey – Drebes
Aaron Solomon – Rippert
David Zimmerman – Frisbee
Douglas Morris – Frisbee
Robert Lynch – IM Athlete
Gregory Johnson – IM Athlete
Darryl Presley – Honor Society
Mark Nel – Honor Society
Thomas Wham – Honor Society
Chris Thornton – Thompson
Douglas Tomey – Sch Improvement

1989

Douglas Morris – Overall Scholastic
Brian Fortman – Sem Scholastic
Michael Brandt – Sch Improvement
Scott Musgrave – Hubbard
David Zimmerman – Drebes
Ralph Minor – Drebes
Christopher Mallow – Thompson
Scott Musgrave – Rippert
Christopher Thornton – Frisbee
Richard Hicks – IM Athlete
Christopher Mallow – Honor Society
Scott Musgrave – Honor Society
Mark Nel – Honor Society

1990

Chris Thornton – Overall Sch
Darryl Presley – Sem Scholastic
Kevin Webb – Sch Improvement
Patrick Buller – Hubbard
Robert Schneider – Morgan
David Fitzgibbons – Drebes
Scott Musgrave – Thompson
Edwin Grimmer – Thompson
Daniel Wilson – Honor Society
Michael Moran – Rippert
Scott Light – Frisbee
David Mocker – IM Athlete
Timothy Scott – Honor Society
Mark Nel – Honor Society
Chris Thornton – Honor Society
Darryl Presley – Honor Society

1991

Scott Musgrave – Overall Scholastic
Daniel Wilson – Sem Scholastic
Marty Voss – Sch Improvement
William Anast – Hubbard
Robert Schneider – Morgan
Matthew Crawford – Drebes
Robert Coker – Thompson
William Anast – Rippert
Brian Fortman – Frisbee
Michael Day – IM Athlete

1992

William Anast – Thompson
Robert Schneider – Frisbee
Craig Sorensen – Morgan
Andrew Adams – Morgan
Matthew McQuality – Overall Sch
Kyle Metzloff – Sem Scholastic
Ronald Costephens – Sem Scholastic
Clint Rybak – IM Athlete
Ronald Costephens – IM Athlete
Andrew Adams – Sch Improvement
Brian Bingham – Hubbard
Terrence Chevalier – Hubbard
Dennis Mink – Hubbard
Terrance Chevalier – Rippert
William Anast – Honor Society
Brian Bingham – Honor Society
Terrance Chevalier – Honor Society
Dennis Mink – Honor Society
Edwin Grimmer – Honor Society
Matthew McQuality – Honor Society
Kyle Metzloff – Honor Society
Clint Rybak – Honor Society
Marc Barmeier – Honor Society
Darren Sullivan – Honor Society

1993

Terrence Chevalier – Thompson
Andrew Adams – Frisbee
Craig Sorensen – Morgan
Kevin Hug – Morgan
Clint Rybak – Overall Scholastic
Matthew McQuality – Sem Scholastic
John Lehmbech – IM Athlete
Benjamin Canlas – Sch Improvement
James Fiechtl – Hubbard
Ross Thomasson – Hubbard
Dale Spence – Rippert
James Bossman – Drebes
Terrence Chevalier – Honor Society
John Grater – Honor Society
Donald Brown – Honor Society
Dale Spence – Honor Society
Ross Thomasson – Honor Society
James Fiechtl – Honor Society

AKEF Financial Status

Cumulative Giving Levels

(As of 12/31/07)

Note: The giving levels below do not include the many scholarships established through the University Development Office in support of Alpha Kappa. These donations will be announced in future Kapers.

1868 Society \$500,000 & Up

Founders Society \$250,000 to \$499,999

Junior Founders Society \$100,000 to \$249,999

Sabre & Key Society \$50,000 to \$99,999

Kruger, William

Garnet & Gold Society \$10,000 to \$49,999

Alpha Kappa House Corporation
Horst, William
Roller, Perrin
Weinstein, Kent

Lily of the Valley Society \$5,000 to \$9,999

Bauer, Richard
Gevecker, Karl
Wolf, Dottie

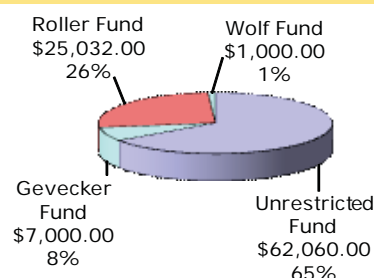
Shield & Diamond Society \$1,000 to \$4,999

Colombatto, Phillip
Gevecker Family Trust
Gevecker, Gwen
King, Terry
Markland, Robert
Miller, Ronald
Myers, Wesley
Van Buren, James

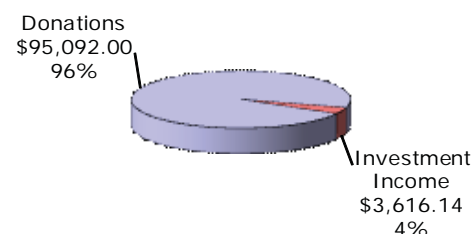
Kapers Society Up to \$999

Alyea, Jerrold
Bess, James
Beyer, Brian
Block, Duncan
Brockhaus, Robert
Chartrau, Doyne
Erman, David
Fanetti, Roger
Fleischman, Robert
Herrmann, Paul
Johnson, Rollie
Kamp, Alan
Koerner, Charles
Krispin, Joseph
Kruger, Art
Kyburz, Edward
Lincicome, James
Miear Family
Myers, Donald
Order of Omega
Peterson, Donald
Schuman, Charles
Spence, Dale
Wagner, Christine (Bernard)
Weinstein, Don
Wentz, Alvin
Winters, Benjamin
Wolf, John

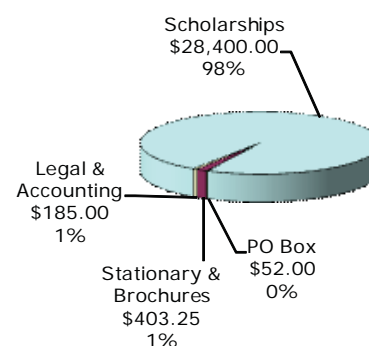
2007 Donations to Endowed Funds



2007 Income



2007 Expenses



Annual Giving Levels

(1/1/07 - 12/31/07)

Diamond Club \$10,000 & Up

Alpha Kappa House Corporation
Horst, William
Roller, Perrin
Weinstein, Kent

Platinum Club \$5,000 to \$10,000

Gevecker, Karl

Gold Club \$2,500 to \$4,999

Silver Club \$1,000 to \$2,499

Gevecker, Gwen
King, Terry
Markland, Robert
Myers, Wesley
Wolf, Dottie

Bronze Club \$500 to \$999

Copper Club Up to \$499

Fanetti, Roger
Miear Family
Erman, David
Herrmann, Paul
Kamp, Alan
Schuman, Charles

Alumni Updates

Career Advancements

Mike Hoffman (AK '06) has begun studies at the Saint Louis University School of Law.



Kurt Haslag (AK '07), aka the "Civil of the Century", reports that he is living and working in Denver, Colorado for Brinkman Construction Company.

Ernest Perrica (AK '89) has been named the athletic / activities director at Mehlville High School in St. Louis. He may be contacted at perrica@sbcglobal.net.

Pierre Powell (AK '87) was assigned as Vice Commander in the U.S. Air Force in Afghanistan, starting in January 2008.

Married Brothers



Christopher Swallow (AK '04) was married to Amanda Kleekamp in Washington, MO on September 15th, 2007. Pikes in attendance were best man Chad Raley (AK '04) and groomsmen Matthew Mayes (AK '04) and

Kyle Verhoff (AK '04) along with several other Pikes. Chris and Amanda currently reside in South St. Louis County. Brother Swallow graduated in 2004 with a B.S in Metallurgical Engineering and is currently employed by the Boeing Company.

James Roepke (AK '05) and Julie Green were married on August 4th, 2007 in St. Louis, MO. Several AKs were part of the ceremony. The couple resides in South St. Louis County.

Pat Schlotzhauer (AK '01) and Jennifer Gleissner were married on May 19th, 2007 in Kansas City, MO. Pat is a Mechanical Engineer for Black and Veatch. Pat and Jennifer reside in Lee's Summit, MO.

Nathan Rieger (AK '07) and Lauren Etheridge will be married on May 10th, 2008 in St. Louis, MO.

Alumni Association Update

The Alpha Kappa Alumni Association has been holding monthly social events to increase awareness about the AKAA to our alumnus brothers in St. Louis, MO. Our first social was held at Big Daddy's in Soulard on Wednesday, October 10th, where we watched the St. Louis Blues destroy the Nashville Predators in the Blues' home opener. We had a good turnout for our first social, where several brothers were able to catch up on "old times." Our second social was held recently at Maggie O'Brien's in downtown St. Louis, where the Blues once again dominated the ice against the Detroit Red Wings. This was an even better turnout than the first and we hope to continue this trend.

As of November 15th, 2007, we have elected a new executive council and board of directors. Among those elected are Chris Swallow (President), Kyle Verhoff (Vice-President), Glenn Phillips (Treasurer), and Chad Raley (Secretary). The Board of Directors consists of Dick Bauer, Thomas Fennessey, David Mocker, Chris Thornton, Charlie Klumb, Mike Stauss, Matt Mayes, and Tony Salt. We are looking to continue the success we have had throughout the next year.

If there are any alumni in the St. Louis area interested in participating in the AKAA meetings and events, contact Chad Raley at craley1@hotmail.com or by phone at (314) 807-3357.

Robert V. Wolf Loyalty Award

On October 20th, 2007, during the House Expansion Dedication Ceremony, brothers **Robert Kallemeier** (AK '62) and **Donald Myers** (AK '61) were awarded the Robert V. Wolf Loyalty Award. The Robert V. Wolf Loyalty Award is given each year to an outstanding Alpha Kappa alumni brother who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the values and principles of giving oneself to the benefit of others via Alpha Kappa, the larger Pi Kappa Alpha organization, and to the Missouri University of Science & Technology. The Robert V. Wolf Loyalty Award was created to honor the memory of Bob Wolf, who served Alpha Kappa and Pi Kappa Alpha for a remarkably long period, remaining loyal and engaged in all aspects of fraternity concerns, both local and national.



Brother Kallemeier receives the Robert V. Wolf Loyalty Award from brother Steve Penberthy (AK '88)

2nd Annual Pike Poker Classic

Seventeen alumni, actives, pledges, and friends took part in the 2nd Annual Pike Poker Classic on December 28th, 2007 in St. Louis. The event was held at American Legion Post 103 in Maplewood and featured noted poker talents Steve Penberthy (AK '88), Ken Lovelace (AK '86), and Alex Mear (AK '04).

The main event of the evening was a no-limit Texas hold'em tournament, played in a World Series of Poker format. In an evening that featured more than its share of bad bets, all-ins, and outrageous bluffs, brother Chad



Raley (AK '04) claimed the 2nd Annual Pike Poker Classic Championship and the prestigious Royal Flush Award. Chad plans to make liberal use of the award before passing it along to next year's champion.

It was a night of brotherhood as well as poker. AKHC President Bob Brockhaus (AK '62) and AKA President Chris Swallow (AK '04) enjoyed the action from the rail.

The AKA plans to hold this event at 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, and perhaps some money, at least once a year. Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Pike Poker Classic on Friday December 26th, 2008. For more information contact Chris Thornton at christopher_thornton@yahoo.com.

Arline Dennie Passes

Arline "Pat" Dennie, beloved wife of the late Powell Dennie (AK '40), passed away in Houston, TX on October 18th, 2007. A memorial service was held at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. Pat and Powell married in 1946 after Brother Dennie completed his duties as a Naval Aviator in WWII. They traveled extensively due to Powell's career as a geologist and lived in many cities throughout the world, including Los Angeles, Denver, New York City, London, England, The Hague, and Netherlands, before retiring in Houston, TX. They enjoyed golf and social activities at the Champion Golf Club community in Houston, where they resided after retirement. Over time, they attended several events held at Alpha Kappa, and were very generous with their time and money to the Chapter and University despite living so far away.

AKAA Hosts December Graduates

The AKA hosted AK's December 2007 graduates, families, and friends to an after-commencement dinner reception on a snowy Saturday, December 15th, 2007 in Wolf Hall at the AK chapter house. Sixty guests, including eleven graduating Pikes, enjoyed a meal of barbecue, sides, cake, and drinks, all courtesy of the AKA and House Corporation. The reception was very well received by all graduates and guests and the AKA hopes this tradition can continue every semester. Congratulations to all the recent graduates!



AK Alumni Golf

This past Labor Day weekend, more than 20 brothers and friends shared in several days of golf and evenings of stories of days gone by. For many years the Lake of the Ozarks has been the setting for a golf outing where AK alums, both high and low handicappers, enjoy the opportunity to play as much or as little golf as they like, but more importantly, catch up with old friends and pledge brothers or make new friends from different eras.



Several brothers getting ready to tee off for the final round on Sunday morning.

This year brothers from as far as Washington State, Oregon, Nevada, Indiana, and as close as Eldon, Missouri came together — many having not seen each other for decades. There were alums from the sixties, seventies, and eighties. This year the weather was perfect for golf, so some played as many as five rounds, while others played only one. The evenings usually brought a few rounds of card games as well.

When the weekend was over, there were regrets that more AK alums hadn't joined in the weekend's activities. However, keep an eye open for the e-mail invitation next year.

Alumni Profiles

Brother Jay Verhoff Contributes as a Pike Abroad

La Libertad, Ecuador - I knew this moment was coming. The travel books I had read after receiving my invitation to Peace Corps Ecuador had all mentioned the popularity of Cuy, but one week after arriving, when a steaming pile of potatoes was put in front of me by my host "Mother" with an entire fried guinea pig spread eagle on top (The head pointed at me seemed to be smiling), I had to pause and ask, "What did I get myself into?" Rewind a little over a year and I was a successful engineer working in operations management at a Chicago area steel manufacturer. I needed a change though, so after a lot of soul searching, I decided to quit and take advantage of my skills and lack of attachments to follow Jared Adams' advice, "Carpe Diem", and apply to the United States Peace Corps.



Cooking class in Verhoff's kitchen with a couple of ladies from town.

After an intense nine month application process I was offered a position in the Sustainable Agriculture program in the South American country of Ecuador from February 2007 to April 2009. I have to admit that the first thing I did after I read my invitation was to look on a map to see exactly where I'd be living for the next 27 months. Ecuador is a small country (about the size of Wyoming), located between Columbia and Peru on the northern Pacific coast of South America. The country consists of four distinct geographic zones; Coast, Sierra, Oriente (Amazon Rainforest), and the Galapagos Islands of Charles Darwin fame. Due to its position straddling the Equator and its high Andean mountains, Ecuador has some of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. There are more bird species in tiny Ecuador than in the entire continent of North America. Ecuador has always been the source of all authentic Panama Hats and is the world's leading exporter of bananas. Also, Ecuador is home to some of the finest coffee and cacao growing regions in the world. Unfortunately these resources and the country's petroleum production have traditionally been held in the hands of the privileged few and depending

on the source, between 40-60% of the population is considered below the poverty line.

To help improve the lives of the average Ecuadorian, the Peace Corps has been working in Ecuador since 1962 performing the three objectives assigned to it in the 1961 establishing legislation: 1) To provide technical assistance to countries that request it; 2) To promote better understanding of Americans by the citizens of these countries; 3) To promote better understanding of foreign cultures on the part of Americans. By living in my pueblo, La Libertad, for two years and integrating and interacting with the community, I am for better or worse taking care of goal number two (most people in my site think that all Americans are 6'2" like me, about 8" taller than the tallest guy in town). By writing articles like this and posting weekly in my blog <http://jayinecuador.blogspot.com>, I'm fulfilling goal number three. For the technical assistance aspect, I am working with the local community bank that was founded with funds from the U.S. Government. I help with computer issues, data processing, and currently am looking for additional funds to expand the amount and number of loans that can be given to local farmers. I also help out with classes at the town's agricultural high school and we are planning on building a Cuyeria or



View from Mt. Cotopaxi, one of the world's largest active volcanoes, from the center of La Libertad.

guinea pig house for teaching the kids small animal production. To fill up the rest of my time, I teach English at the local grade school four days a week and have computer, cooking, etc. classes. Also, I am experimenting with Lithic Mulch practices in my garden to see if crop yields can be improved in our poor soil. I've had to use the problem solving skills that I learned at Rolla in ways that I never would have imagined, and the experience of moving to Rolla's small town lifestyle has helped me in my transition here. Although having to live with buying everything at Wal-Mart is a little different than learning to enjoy boiled rodent for breakfast.

The results of my work so far have been minimal, but with Peace Corps having been working

here for 45 years, I didn't expect overnight success. That has to be the most frustrating part of being here. Part of the job is frustration, loneliness, and a nightly helping of boredom. After dark everyone in town is usually home watching bad TV. Since I don't have a TV myself, I spend most nights reading (34 books and counting!). Thanks to the support and encouragement of family and friends, I've been able to adjust to life so far from home.



Verhoff, pictured top right, next to Lake Quilotoa

What I haven't been able to adjust to is living at the top of the longest mountain range in the World. La Libertad is located two hours south of Ecuador's capital, Quito, on the Pan-American Highway. The elevation is over 11,200 feet, so breathing even when walking can be difficult. My front door is higher than the peak of Mt. Hood, but because of the intense sun, the climate is like a constant crisp fall day. This climate prohibits the growth of plants that flourish at slightly lower elevations, so the local crops are restricted mostly to potatoes and onions. The view though is amazing. From my backyard I can see around ten peaks that are higher than any in the Continental U.S. I have another 17 months to enjoy that view and see how much help I can provide to the community that has welcomed me so graciously. After my service is over, I plan to head back to the States with a greater understanding of the world outside our borders, the ability to speak fantastic gringo Spanish, and most likely the desire never to see another guinea pig again.

Jay Verhoff, AK '01

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.

AKAA Officer Profiles

Christopher Swallow

President, AKAA

Pledge Class: Fall 2000

Graduated: December 2004, B.S. Metallurgical Engineering

Brother Swallow served the chapter as House Manager, Pledge Master, and SMC. He also served a year as the Regional VP for the Heartland Region. Swallow is currently employed by the Boeing Company in St. Louis, MO, and is pursuing his Masters in Business Administration from Webster University. He enjoys hunting, fishing, Cardinals baseball, and hanging out with other alumni in the area.

Kyle Verhoff

Vice President, AKAA

Pledge Class: Fall 1999

Graduated: May 2004, B.S. Engineering Management

Brother Verhoff served the Fraternity as SC, IMC, Rush Chairman and SMC during his undergraduate years at Alpha Kappa. After graduation he went on to work at Pi Kappa Alpha International Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee as a traveling Chapter Consultant. Once his term ended, he moved back to his hometown of St. Louis and took a Production Engineer position with True Manufacturing, an industry-leading commercial refrigeration company out of O'Fallon, MO, where he has been working for over 2 years.

Chad Raley

Secretary, AKAA

Pledge Class: Fall 2000

Graduated: May 2004, B.S. Electrical Engineering

Brother Raley was introduced to Pi Kappa Alpha by his dad who was a Pike at Southeast Missouri State University and served Alpha Kappa as ThC. He works for Electric Power Systems, Inc., testing electrical equipment and performing engineering services.

Glenn Phillips

Treasurer, AKAA

Pledge Class: Fall 1967

Graduated: December 1970, B.S. Electrical Engineering

Brother Phillips served the chapter as Corresponding Secretary, Assistant ThC, ThC, IMC, and SMC. After a semester of graduate work at UMR, Phillips served in the US Army Military Advisory Corp from 1971-1972 in Vietnam. He then worked for General Electric, Monsanto Chemical, and MEMC Electronic Materials. After 25 years of service, he retired from MEMC in 2004 and now enjoys a semi-retired life as a travel agent. Brother Phillips now resides in St. Charles, MO with his wife Pat of 33 years. They have two sons, both of which are engineers, a daughter who has a PhD, one grandchild, and another grandchild on the way.

House of the Year

2007 House of the Year Award Recognizes One of Pi Kappa Alpha's Jewels

Alpha Kappa Chapter at the University of Missouri, Rolla was the recipient of the 2007 House of the Year Award at The Academy in summer 2007. The current chapter house in Rolla, Missouri was completed in 2001, following a fire that burned the old house to the ground. An addition to the house was finished this summer.

The tragic fire in 1999 that destroyed Alpha Kappa's old house also took the life of Brother Jared Adams '97. The house corporation then vowed to rebuild one of the safest and most structurally sound fraternity properties in North America. The Pike house, constructed almost entirely of concrete and steel, with metal framing, stands as a fortress in Rolla. It also includes state of the art fire detection and sprinkling systems.

The house in Rolla is English Tudor style, with a front façade that looks nearly identical to their previous structure, preserving the brand of that facility which was well established over its 70-year history. The address remains the same at 613 W. 9th Street, but the building itself is far more grand. The house, including its recent addition, is over 28,000 square feet and can accommodate 104 men.

As you enter the front door to this amazing building, you will immediately notice a tile mosaic of the Fraternity's coat-of-arms, a beautiful piece donated by an alumnus of Alpha Kappa Chapter. Traveling into the formal living room, you will see a fireplace which includes a limestone mantle, maintained and preserved from the previous house. There is also a donated antique grandfather clock built in 1874, when Pi Kappa Alpha was a mere six years old.

The inside of the house includes almost as much common area as it does living space. Between the library, formal room, recreation room, and computer room, brothers always have plenty of space to accommodate guests and host events. The common areas are not the only state of the art amenities; bedrooms include built-in lofts with desks underneath to maximize free space within each living quarter. The addition, which was designed to house upperclassmen, provides a more private living environment with "suite" style bedrooms.

Good Management is the Key to Success

Alpha Kappa has its own house management manual. The introduction states that it was created to "ensure that future Brothers of the Alpha Kappa Chapter in Rolla, Missouri would have a beautiful,

comfortable, and safe building to call home."

The information contained within that manual is designed to do exactly that. It is one of the most comprehensive management guides ever seen and serves as a model for all chapters to emulate.

- The chapter leases the house from the house corporation on a flat annual rate, meaning it does not fluctuate with occupancy, and then subleases to the individual tenants.
- One-year written agreements are used, with rent to the house corporation and individual room rents being due twice a year, prior to the start of each semester.
- The chapter charges a market rental rate that is competitive with on-campus residence hall living. In doing so, the chapter and house corporation are able to properly maintain their house and build reserves for the future.
- The chapter also enforces by-laws, policies, and house rules pertaining to the treatment of the facility. There are documented procedures for filling out damage and repair reports.

Alpha Kappa's manual also includes a detailed outline of house corporation operations, chapter management responsibilities, detailed house upkeep procedures, house rules, and all chapter by-laws related to housing. Roles and responsibilities for the chapter house manager, assistant house manager, and kitchen steward are clearly stated in the manual as well.

The chapter house manager is appointed and responsible for supervising the kitchen steward, administering a comprehensive seasonal maintenance program, managing a housing committee, assigning daily and weekly cleaning duties to all members, and conducting periodic room inspections to ensure safe living conditions. There is a strict no-smoking policy enforced and absolutely zero tolerance for destruction of house property, with strict fines in place.

The Chapter and House Corporation are to be commended for their beautiful home and are well deserving of the 2007 Pi Kappa Alpha House of the Year.

* This article taken from the Winter 2007 edition of *Shield and Diamond*.

Expansion Update



Bob Brockhaus (AK '62) breaking a bottle of champagne on the cornerstone to conclude the dedication ceremony.

House Dedication Ceremony

Those of you who were present at the Homecoming celebration on October 20th, 2007 were able to experience the joy that was felt by the House Corporation, the Active Chapter and the more than 200 alumni and guests on that beautiful Saturday afternoon. Ninth Street had been closed and set up with chairs for the gathering. The Chancellor, the Mayor of Rolla, the Executive Director of the International Fraternity, the House Corporation President, the Educational Foundation President, and the Alumni Association President all gave speeches, which were very ably presided over by the SMC of the Active Chapter. Additionally, Pierre Powell (AK '87) represented his family at the ceremony. After the necessary thank-yous and recognitions, a bottle of champagne was smashed on the cornerstone of the new house addition. It's not possible for photos to adequately capture the mood of satisfaction and accomplishment that was present.

What's Next?

The alumni of Alpha Kappa have responded incredibly well to the crisis in 1999 and again to meet the needs of the tremendous growth in quality and size of Alpha Kappa since our rebirth in 2000, both with their dollars and their time. If you missed out on the last two opportunities, be thinking on how you can contribute in the future.

Our emphasis on leadership development has made a noticeable difference at Alpha Kappa. No other single thing has contributed more to the health of our chapter than the once-a-semester leadership retreats between active alumni and the executive committee of the Active Chapter. We have

been stressing quality operation, not size, for the future. Continued "first place" operation, good scholarship, and a quality rush program are critical to the paying down of the mortgage, long-term success, and longevity of Alpha Kappa. During the last several years, the alumni that have given their time to staffing the positions on the House Corporation, Alumni Association, and Educational Foundation have done a tremendous job. We must keep it going! Everyone should be thinking of how they can contribute in the future - let's keep it going in phi phi k a. We'll see you at the new house!

A Special Founders' Day - Saturday, March 1, 2008

Be sure to join your fellow Alpha Kappa alumni as we honor the Brothers who have made significant donations to the Educational Foundation since the tragic fire. We will recognize Al and Ursula Powell for their \$250,000 challenge donation with the naming of the new addition in their honor. We also will honor Dick Bauer and David Grimm for each of their \$100,000 gifts by the naming of two floors in the new addition.

A portrait of Al and plaques for Dick and Dave will be presented to these alumni and then placed permanently in the new addition. Moreover, we will recognize all alumni who made naming gifts with plaques which will then be placed by the room or other aspect of the chapter house that they have elected to sponsor.

Lastly, the two alumni who at Homecoming last fall received the Robert V. Wolf award for outstanding service

to Alpha Kappa will be the ceremony's keynote speakers. These men are Don Myers (AK '61), Secretary-Treasurer of the AK House Corporation, and Bob Kallemeier (AK '62), Vice-President of the AK House Corporation.

Prior to the recognition luncheon, the House Corporation will hold its annual meeting at the chapter house at 10:00am. The scholarship presentations, which in the past were part of Founders' Day celebrations, will henceforth be awarded during the Dad's Day event later in the semester.

This year's Founders' Day is for the alumni, both young and those who are still young at heart, with a love of Alpha Kappa. Come and share your memories about your undergraduate days with those alumni who will be honored for their significant financial gifts and those who have made significant gifts of their time.

The True Pike

As a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, I have pledged myself to uphold the values taught in our Ritual and restated in our Vision, Mission, and Creed. The True Pike is committed to a life of caring for others as he cares for himself. In pursuit of that ideal, I reaffirm my pledge...

...To Myself

*to practice academic integrity and strive for academic achievement
to meet all of my financial obligations on time
to preserve a sound mind and body, rejecting abuse of alcohol or drugs
to pursue my career goals zealously, but with integrity
to promote brotherly love and kind feeling, nurturing my friendships
to dedicate myself to my family, my faith, and pursuit of the truth*

...To My Brothers

*to challenge all brothers to uphold this code and hold accountable those who do not
to respect the dignity of all; not to tolerate physical or mental abuse of human being
to seek and fulfill leadership roles and participate energetically in Fraternity activities
to encourage my chapter to establish and enforce rigorous academic standards
to urge my chapter not to tolerate abuse of alcohol or drugs
to actively recruit new members who I believe will uphold the Fraternity's values
to participate enthusiastically in an education program to inculcate our values*

...To My Fraternity

*to ensure that my conduct all events and activities reflects Pi Kappa Alpha in a positive light
to reach out to brothers beyond my own chapter; and welcome those who reach out to me
to participate actively in Fraternity sponsored educational and leadership conferences
to volunteer my time as an alumnus to an area chapter or alumni association or to the Fraternity
to provide financial support for the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation
to respect the Fraternity's property and symbols
to leave the Fraternity and my chapter better than they were when I arrived*

...To My Community

*to protect the health and safety of others
to participate in campus activities, and stay involved with my alma mater beyond my graduation
to foster good relationships with the University faculty and administration
to serve my community through participation in civic organizations and events*

*Only by so doing, can I fulfill my commitment to Pi Kappa Alpha
and be worthy to count myself a True Pike.*

Upcoming Events

February 21 - Missouri S&T Career Fair

February 23 - PRO Day Weekend

For more information on how you can help Alpha Kappa with rush, contact Steve Grelle (svgb79@mst.edu) or Dan Ryan (dlrkbd@mst.edu)

March 1 - Founders Day Weekend

The AK House Corporation meeting will begin at 10am, while the banquet to begin at 12pm, featuring keynote speakers Bob Kallemeier and Don Myers

March 8 - PRO Day Weekend

For more information on how you can help Alpha Kappa with rush, contact Steve Grelle (svgb79@mst.edu) or Dan Ryan (dlrkbd@mst.edu)

March 10-15 - 100th St. Pat's Day Weekend Celebration

Check with The Miner Alumni Association for a list of events and activities!

April 5 - PRO Day Weekend

For more information on how you can help Alpha Kappa with rush, contact Steve Grelle (svgb79@mst.edu) or Dan Ryan (dlrkbd@mst.edu)

April 5 - International Work Day

Contact Lucas Rottler (lrrrh2@mst.edu) for more information on how you can help Alpha Kappa

April 19 - PRO Day Weekend

For more information on how you can help Alpha Kappa with rush, contact Steve Grelle (svgb79@mst.edu) or Dan Ryan (dlrkbd@mst.edu)

April 18-20 - Order of the Golden Shillelagh Weekend

This year's OGS Reunion is being held in St. Louis. OGS Members - Be sure to stop by the newly expanded house to see the new annex and meet the members

April 22 - Alpha Kappa Local Alumni Dinner

May 3 - Dad's Day

All dads and other family members welcome! Fall 2007 scholarship awards will be distributed. Contact Jerel Bernasek (cjb59@mst.edu) for more information

May 9-10 - Executive Council Retreat

If you are interested in attending, please contact David Zimmerman (david.zimmerman@rji-sales.com)

May 17 - Missouri S&T Commencement

May 24 - AKA Golf Tournament

This year's tournament will be held at Sugar Creek Golf Course in High Ridge, MO. If you are interested in participating, contact Fred Hohenberger (314-892-6113)

Alumni Survey

We want to hear from our alumni! Please complete and detach for return to the AK House Corporation at P.O. Box 85, Rolla, MO 65402.

Alumni Update

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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

☐ I am interested in receiving the Kapers digitally

History Book

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

☐ I have already received my copy

☐ Please send me a copy

Founder's Day 2008

Alpha Kappa will be holding a scholarship lunch during Founder's Day 2008. Please let the Chapter know if you plan to attend.

☐ I will be attending Founder's Day 2008

☐ I may be attending Founder's Day 2008

☐ I will not be attending Founder's Day 2008

Continuous Growth...



...Continuous Achievement

*Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
Alpha Kappa Chapter
P.O. Box 156
Rolla, MO 65401*