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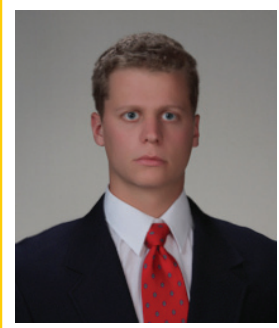
Presidents' Desk

Pi Kappa Alpha proves to be wrapping up another very successful academic year. With the Student Leaders' Banquet set to take place in the upcoming weeks, Alpha Kappa is nominated for a handful of organizational and individual awards including but not limited to "The Community Service Award," "The Most Remarkable Student Group," as well as the "Keystone Award." We are also putting the finishing touches on the International Fraternity's Award Application, which will hopefully lead to the Chapter's sixth consecutive Smythe Award, which is given to the top 5% of all Pi Kappa Alpha Chapters.

Alpha Kappa has continued to dominate recruitment at Missouri S&T. Danny Ryan (AK '06) and Steve Grelle (AK '06) did an exceptional job in the signing of 26 men for the fall semester. Under the leadership of Lucas Rottler (AK '05), those men have proven to be great additions to the Chapter. Also, Brother Grelle and Kaleb Hoffman (AK '08) recruited the largest class on campus for this spring with 12 new members. The Alpha Kappa rush strategies have continually proven to succeed in recruiting "the most best men!"

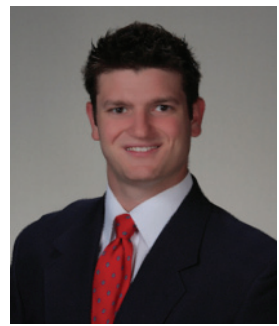
The men started the school year off strong in special events with a first place overall finish in both Greek Week and Homecoming. This is the first time in recent years that Alpha Kappa has been able to win both of these events in the fall semester. It was an all house effort to ensure that these events were successful; however, special thanks deserve to be given out to Brother Josh Kaltenbronn (AK '07) for all his assistance with both Greek Week and Homecoming. While he was not the Special Events Chairman, he was a pivotal part in the organization and execution process of many of the events in the competitions. Alpha Kappa also won the Homecoming King and Queen competition for the fifth consecutive year. This year's winners were seniors Lance Weinmann (AK '06) and Diana Meyers. Staying on the topic

of competitions, Alpha Kappa is set to finish in first place once again for campus wide intramurals, which will be the 9th consecutive fraternity intramural championship. Pikes have finished first in all of the major sports so far with several other high finishes in various sports. With this, the men have accumulated an 85-point lead over the second place competitor with only track and soccer left to compete in. PiKA's "B-Team", Hooligans, is also currently ranked 5th on campus with a 285 point cushion.



Josh Heger
SMC, Fall 2008

The chapter continues to excel over other Fraternities on campus in all other aspects as well. AK finished 3rd out of 21 fraternities in grade point average for the fall semester, once again exceeding the All-Men's and All-Fraternity grade point averages. It can also be found that Pi Kappa Alpha has a very impressive graduation rate compared to its membership numbers. Community service has also become a trademark of the men from Alpha Kappa. Over 9,000 community service hours have been completed to this point, and with a couple of larger events planned for the end of the semester, we should more than exceed our annual goal of 10,000 hours. This total will be more than any other organization on campus.



Lance Weinmann
SMC, Spring 2009

All of our accomplishments would not be possible without the immense and continued support of all our alumni. Ever since the completion of the chapter house expansion, which allowed nearly the entire Chapter to live in-house, many great things have happened. Since most of us live under the same roof, the chapter house has seemed to become a machine for achieving the goals set forth by the chapter. We, and the rest of the Active Chapter, would like to enthusiastically thank all of the alumni that have helped to make these things possible and to those who will continue to support the Chapter in the future. We hope to see many of you back at the Missouri S&T Homecoming celebration, where we hope to have many activities planned and a good time for all!

In the Bonds,

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SMC, Fall 2008
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Ramsay's Corner

Ten years is supposed to be a long time — no it's not. Ten years ago we were struggling to understand what happened and how, or if we could, move forward. Over the years I have heard men tell me, "in some respects the fire was the best thing that could have happened to AK," they are wrong. But, I understand the sentiment underlying the statement that the "re-birth" of AK has resulted in a number of positive outcomes for our Fraternity.

There is no doubt that AK is a better organization than it was in the 1990's. Back then we had developed some bad habits within the active chapter, the House Corporation was distant and adversarial, and alumni were nearly non-existent in terms of involvement. It's not that we (all of us) didn't care, we had just grown apart and complacent. After the tragedy, we all discovered just how much we cared for AK. We put our hands and our strong backs together and we lifted AK up. We continue to lift up and support, allowing AK to achieve. The success of AK rests upon your shoulders.

We lost two good men ten years ago. One of them that terrible night, and one a few months later.

Jared Newman Adams, "Newman," died of smoke inhalation that night in his room. Newman was a 21-year-old double major in Physics and Electrical Engineering. He was an active and engaged Brother of AK and was the treasurer of IFC. We remember him for many things, especially his quick wit and that quirky little smile he had. He was simply a terrific young man.

We lost Bob Wolf the following August. I am convinced that the stress, the sense of loss and grief, a misplaced sense of responsibility (it was my responsibility, not his) combined to deteriorate his health to the point that we lost him. What could I possibly say about Bob Wolf that would adequately describe him and his contribution to all of our lives? He was an icon, a light that we all looked to for guidance and assistance in need. He gave himself to us, dedicated to our development and well being. Day in and day out, for nearly 50 years he poured his life into the men of AK, making our lives the better for it. AK would not be successful today, and likely would not exist today if not for this humble and dedicated man.

"Yesterday is gone forever, tomorrow is yet to be, the destiny of PiKA rests today with thee." We knew then, and we know now, that we must move forward. We must be dedicated to AK. We must achieve unreasonable success because of Wolf, Newman, and all those dedicated and humble men who have gone before. We can never take our eyes off of the light of truth, and love, and brotherhood. We must dedicate ourselves to the men who will be brothers at AK ten years from now,

or ten years after we are dead and in our graves.

No, the fire was not the best thing that happened to AK, it was the single most devastating thing that has happened in our history.

The best thing that happened to AK was that its Brothers, young and old alike, lifted AK to their shoulders and carried AK over these last ten years, and continue to carry it into the future.

Live your lives in phi phi kappa alpha, and Pi Kappa Alpha will never die.

Your Friendly Neighborhood Chapter Advisor,

— Ramsay



The Story of

Wolf's Stolen Car

One Friday afternoon Wolf stopped at the Chapter house on his way home. He had a couple of drinks, which led to a few more...you know the story. He woke the next morning at his house on Green Acres and could not find his car. He thought he must have caught a ride with someone who dropped him off. Bob walked back to the Chapter house to get his car, but it wasn't there. It wasn't up on campus where he parked near his office either. So, he walked back to the Green Acres house and it still wasn't anywhere to be found. Finally, after searching he figured it must have been stolen, so he called the police and reported the missing automobile. A few days later he found the car without a scratch on it.... In his garage. He never put his car in the garage; his garage was always full of equipment and tools. He never did quite figure out how he got the car in the garage without banging it up and got the garage door down.

Special Events

Dad's Day

Our second annual Dad's Day was a huge success. The members of Alpha Kappa would like to thank all the Dads and other family members who were able to attend and enjoy some family time with us. It was great visiting with our own families, but also meeting some of the families of the brothers that we have grown so close to. There were more than 90 people in attendance for the Dad's Day, which consisted of a brunch and awards banquet, along with softball afterwards. At the brunch, delicious food was served and Brothers of the fraternity received



various scholarships for their merits based on GPA, house offices, and campus leadership. The members of the Fraternity received in excess of \$42,000 from scholarships endowed by our alumni. After a few hours of socializing, house tours, and food digestion, a large group of Brothers and their families went to Kimmel Field. At Kimmel Field, everyone enjoyed themselves playing softball for a few hours as well as bonding closer to each other and their families.

Homecoming Royalty

For the fifth year in a row Pi Kappa Alpha has sat on top of the campus' Homecoming Court. Lance Weinmann (AK '06) and Diana Meyers (Student Council Vice President), both Pi Kappa Alpha candidates, were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during the ceremony.

Alpha Kappa also took first place in the overall Homecoming competition.



S&T Homecoming 2008

After coming off a first place finish in Greek Week 2008, Alpha Kappa was fired up about taking on their next special event, Homecoming. Alpha Kappa's own Curtis McDonald (AK '07) organized the Missouri S&T Homecoming this year for the Student Union Board, which proved to be beneficial in communications for the Chapter.

Special Events chair Lance Weinmann (AK '06) and his "right-hand-man," Homecoming Chair Josh Kaltenbronn (AK '07) assigned tasks to various pledge classes, and by doing that, seemed to orchestrate great results. The theme for Homecoming 2008 was "Arabian Nights," so the men decided to play on the movie Aladdin in their thought process towards the different events. Their banner pictured Joe Miner as Aladdin riding a magic carpet through the Arabian night sky. Pikes placed second in this first major event and that seemed to set the tone for the rest of the week's activities. During the week, AK competed in such events as movie skit reenactment (1st place), Joe Miner look-a-like (2nd place), as well as a handful of other smaller events. The competition ended on Friday when Pikes took second in the yard display competition, the last major event. The yard display was mainly comprised of a 12-foot tall, by 20-foot, long magic lamp, complete with smoke that came out the nozzle when rubbed. Along with the lamp, the men performed a skit where they recreated the scene where Aladdin first discovers the lamp and the genie. During the Miner football game, the Homecoming Court was announced, along with the champion of the Homecoming competition. Missouri S&T proudly crowned Brother Lance Weinmann (AK '06) and Diana Meyers 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!

Community Service

Linking Hearts

On September 20, 2008, the members of Alpha Kappa participated in the Linking Hearts Carnival. This is an annual event for local kids to come and enjoy various carnival games, prizes, and food. Pikes set up a booth for kids to "Pie A Pike," face paint, and served cotton candy and snow cones. In addition to helping set-up and run their booth at the carnival, Pikes also volunteered as "Buddies" for the kids, where you spent the day with one or two kids taking them from booth to booth. Eighteen actives and 21 pledges participated in this event.



Tour of Missouri

On September 11, 2008, the members of Alpha Kappa volunteered as security personal for the Tour of Missouri, a bike race conducted as a memorial of the 09/11 tragedy. The race was split into 5 stages across the state, with the

4th running through downtown Rolla. Being the only Greek house to participate in the event, the event coordinator allowed Pikes to have all of 12th Street to run security and cheer on the racers. Nineteen actives and 14 pledges participated.

Habitat for Humanity

During the weekend of October 3rd, the members of Pi Kappa Alpha performed a weekend of community service with Habitat for Humanity located in Nashville, Tennessee



This service trip was one of the largest projects Alpha Kappa has participated in many semesters. Sixty-eight members volunteered all weekend, implementing such projects as interior painting, cutting and hanging siding, installing plumbing and storage accessories, securing drywall, packing insulation, and much more. They exemplified hard work, placing the Habitat management group two days ahead of schedule before the end of the weekend. While at Nashville, the St. Edward Catholic Church and School provided lodging, YMCA offered showering facilities, and Panera Bread Co. sponsored meals for the entire weekend. Enterprise Rent-A-Car provided the members with a fleet of rental vans to help make the 6 hour drive to Nashville. This service trip put Pi Kappa Alpha at more than 5,300 community service hours for the Fall 2008 semester.

Diabetes Walk

On September 28, 2008, 15 pledges traveled to St. Louis, Missouri to participate in a charity walk for diabetes. The Fall 2008 Pledge Class came up with the idea to help out one of their pledge brothers who has diabetes. They exemplified the qualities of a True Pike by planning and executing a community service event on their own, for one of their pledge brothers.



Greek Week

Pikes Win Again

The Chapter started with the goal of winning all three special events for the year and the drive to complete that goal showed as the men took on Greek Week as the first special event for the year. Overall, the week was a great success for the Chapter from beginning-to-end. They competed in several different events including opening and closing games, banner and float competitions, a carnival booth, blood drive, as well as many other smaller events through the week. AK had a great start to the week by winning opening games and then helped its cause by placing first in all three days of Idi-Odysseys, which are a combination of multiple small competitive events. The Chapter's 1st place float, a 10-foot tall "khaki factory," with smoke stacks, turn dials, music, and an internal skit, also helped secure the victory. Going along with the float theme, the banner (2nd Place) was done as a tribute to "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Now, for back-to-back years (three out of the last four), Alpha Kappa has brought home the Greek Week championship trophy.



Pictured from left: Steve Rothermich, Andrew Busby, and Curtis McDonald

Zeus 2008

Brother Andrew Arnold (AK '05) held the position of "Zeus," the highest honor within the Greek Community during Greek Week in 2008. He earned this prestigious honor through his three years of hard work for the Interfraternity Council. His first year he was awarded "1st Year Representative of the Year" which in turn earned him the highest Junior Representative committee of Greek Week Chair. After hosting a successful Greek Week '07, he was elected the President of IFC, a position not held by a Pike in over a decade. Earning the position of Zeus 2008 put him as the 3rd consecutive Pike Zeus, which has never happened in the history of AK. Brother Arnold after being selected Zeus at GODZ elections commented, "Here's to Zeus '06, '07, '08, and more to come!"



Pikes participating in the tug-of-war at Greek Week

IFC Representatives

Pi Kappa Alpha proudly supports our representatives in the Interfraternity Council. Steve Rothermich (AK '06), a senior representative, serves the Interfraternity Council as the Vice President – Internal, overseeing all of the internal committees. Curtis McDonald (AK '07), the junior representative was recently appointed as the Special Projects Chairman. He plans and runs Greek Sing and any other fun events outside of Greek Week. First year representative Andrew Busby (AK '09), looks forward to following in his predecessors footsteps by taking charge and being at the top of his IFC class. The men of Pi Kappa Alpha have brought forth terrific IFC representatives in the past years. These men have held top positions in IFC, and for the past three years, AK has produced a Zeus. So look forward to seeing this great tradition and hard work continue by the representatives from the Alpha Kappa chapter.



St. Pat's

Pi Kappa Alpha's 101st St. Pat's

Alpha Kappa celebrated a successful 101st St. Pat's this past March 9th – 14th. Despite the lack of participation from other fraternities, the members of PiKA worked hard to ensure that the rest of the campus recognized the commitment that Pikes had to the competition. The chapter had a strong showing with its "Missouri Monuments" float and remained competitive in many events at Follies

including most garters in a minute and the obstacle course. AK performed its best at gonzo, placing 1st in the tricycle race, three legged race, ultimate frisbee, and solo pong as well as 2nd in boat race, ball push, barrel race, and fifth wheel. The chapter was also able to enter a cudgel in this year's St. Pat's, which turned out to be the largest in the competition. In the end, Alpha Kappa was able to be

competitive throughout the St. Pat's competition and enjoyed the celebration to its fullest. The 101st annual St. Pat's showed the campus that PiKA is not only making progress towards winning St. Pat's but that AK will be a serious competitor in the competition for years to come.



Pi Kappa Alpha's Float — "Missouri Monumets"

Street Painters

Early in the morning every year before the parade takes place on the last Saturday of St. Pat's, Pine Street is painted green by alumni members of the St. Pat's Board. This year, Brothers Darrin Smith (AK '05), Elliott Giles (AK '06), Jeremiah Mohan (AK '06), and Daniel Ryan (AK '06) had the opportunity to participate in the event. If anyone has ever woken up early enough to see the event, it is quite a spectacle but be careful to step on Pine Street if you do not want to be covered with green paint. It is a great event that brings together alumni of all ages to celebrate St. Pat's and reminds them of the great experiences they had while on the St. Pat's Board.



PiKA's 2009 Cudgel



Second Page

Andrew Rasdall (AK '07) was elected to the position of Second Page of St. Pat's Court during the 99th Annual St. Pat's Celebration. Rasdall was very involved with the St. Pat's Board by holding the committees of Local and Special Sales as a second-year representative and Parade Fund as a third-year representative. Both positions are held in very high regard and require much time and attention. Rasdall has served as a great representative for Alpha Kappa and has been a key reason for the success of PiKA in the celebration.

Float Trailer

The men of Alpha Kappa are constantly competing in special events throughout the year that require them to use their engineering skills and creativity to construct great floats. Unfortunately, the float trailer that the active chapter currently owns will have trouble making it through another parade route. The active members will be searching for a new float trailer to purchase in the upcoming months but we are asking for your help. If you could help AK in any way in order to obtain a new float trailer, please contact the president at the e-mail below.

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Graduating Seniors

December Commencement

On Saturday, December 20, 2008, twelve members of Pi Kappa Alpha graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology to begin professional careers. These individuals served the fraternity in a multiplicity of ways throughout their tenure at Missouri S&T. We wish them the best in their endeavors, and hope to see them serve AK as alumni.

Top row from left: Andrew Huebner, Christopher Zerr, Neil Fehr, Andrew Arnold, and Evan Stevens. Bottom row from left: William Kirby, Nicholas Mentessana, Ryan Hiestand, Lucas Rottler, and Joshua Young. Not pictured: Keith Beers and Michael McNamee



William Patrick Kirby (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Architectural and Civil Engineering. Will played Missouri S&T soccer team and was the president of Engineers Without Borders on campus. Will is temporarily in La Paz, Bolivia volunteering with Engineers In Action but will return in June to work for Burns and McDonnell in Kansas City, Missouri.



Ryan Daniel Hiestand (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a BS in Engineering Management. Ryan served AK as SMC, 1st IMC, Pledge Educator, Rush Chair, Fundraising Chair, Homecoming Chair, Parents Club Chair and Undergraduate Chapter Advisor. He also served as Student Council Public Relations Chair and Director of Special Projects. Ryan accepted a job with Burns & McDonnell in Kansas City, Missouri.



Nicholas Bennett Mentessana (AK '06) graduated with a BS in Electrical Engineering. He served AK as Scholarship Chair, Community Service Chair, and Public Relations Chair. Nicholas also played for the Missouri S&T soccer team for four years. He was also involved on campus in the Electrical Engineering Honor Society, Eta Kappa Nu, and the Math Honor Society, Kappa Mu Epsilon. Nicholas is currently attending graduate school at Missouri S&T to get his Masters in Electrical Engineering.



Neil Roger Fehr (AK '05) graduated with a BA in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance and an Economics minor. He played varsity basketball for Missouri S&T for two years, and was a member of APO. Neil now works for Northwestern Mutual in St. Louis, Missouri.



Joshua Keaton Young (AK '05) graduated with a BS in Civil and Architectural Engineering. He served AK as Historian. On campus, he was a member of the Architectural Engineering Institute and ASCE. Josh accepted a position with Benham in St. Louis, Missouri.



Andrew Dennis Arnold (AK '05) graduated with a BA in Business and Management Systems. Andrew served AK as 2nd Vice President, Rush Chair, Community Service Chair, and Pledge Project Coordinator. He was also involved in IFC as President and Zeus '08, Fraternal Order of Leaders, and APO. Andrew is currently attending graduate school at Missouri S&T to get his Masters in Business Administration.



Andrew Jacob Huebner (AK '06) graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering. While at AK, he served as Brotherhood Chair, Social Chair, Pledge Project Coordinator, and SC. Drew accepted a position with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. in Springfield, Illinois.



Keith Richard Beers (AK '05) graduated with a BS in Architectural and Civil Engineering. Keith played for the Missouri S&T soccer team for four years. He was also involved on campus in ASCE and the Architectural Engineering Institute. Keith is currently employed by Westar Energy in Topeka, Kansas.



Lucas Robert Rottler (AK '05) graduated with a BS in Architectural and Civil Engineering. Lucas served AK as Pledge Educator, House Manager, Rush Chair, Community Service Chair, Fundraising Chair, and Correspondence Chair. He was also active on campus in Engineers Without Borders as a Honduras Trip Co-Leader, Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, the Architectural Engineering Institute, and Gamma Alpha Delta. Lucas is now working for Brinkmann Constructors in Denver, Colorado.



Christopher Michael Zerr (AK '05) graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering. He served AK as Continuing Education and Risk Manager. On campus, he was a member of the American Concrete Institute and ASCE. Chris is now working for Buzzi Unicem in Chesterfield, Missouri.



Michael Vincent McNamee (AK '05) graduated with a BS in Architectural and Civil Engineering. Mike served AK as Exterior House Manager. He also played for the Missouri S&T soccer team for four years, and served as captain and assistant coach. Mike accepted a job with McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. in Dallas, Texas.



Evan Jarrett Stevens (AK '05) graduated with a BS in Geological Engineering. On campus, he was a member of Sigma Gamma Epsilon. Evan is working for Freeport McMoran Copper and Gold in Morenci, Arizona.

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SMC Fall — Josh Heger
1st IMC (External) Spring — Daniel Ryan
1st IMC (External) Fall — Joel Birke
2nd IMC (Internal) Spring — Micah Weber
2nd IMC (Internal) Fall — John Pettit
ThC Spring — Matt Wilson
ThC Fall — Ryan O'Daniel
SC Spring — Josh Kaltenbronn
SC Fall — Kenny Baer
Rush Chairmen Spring — Kaleb Hoffman,
John Van Gels
Rush Chairmen Fall — Steve Grelle,
Kaleb Hoffman
House Manager Spring — Andrew Parrish
House Manager Fall — Curt McDonald
Pledge Educator Spring — Steve Grelle
Pledge Educator Fall — Lucas Rottler

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Pictured from left: Daniel Ryan, Micah Weber, Josh Kaltenbronn, Lance Weinmann, Steve Grelle, Matt Wilson, Andrew Parrish, and Kaleb Hoffman

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Secretary: Parth Shah
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Internal Vice President: Jeffrey Burke
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- **Eta Kappa Mu**
Nick Mentasana
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President: Micah Weber
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President: Kevin Laut
Page Master: Eric Mack
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Andrew Arnold
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Brian Tucker
Micah Weber
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- **Missouri S&T Rugby Club**
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Ryan Brunkhorst
Josh Heger
- **Pi Tau Sigma**
Historian: Matt Wilson
Andrew Held
Jason Kath
Brandon Moore
John Pettit
Ryan O'Daniel
- **Phi Eta Sigma**
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Thomas Graff
Brain Tucker
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Daniel Ryan
Elliot Giles
Jeremiah Mohan
Darrin Smith
- **Student Ambassador**
Kenny Baer
Josh Heger
Lance Weinmann
- **Student Council**
Parent/Alumni Liason: Ryan Brunkhorst
City Council Rep: Curt McDonald
- **Student Leadership Conference Committee**
Steve Grelle
- **Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow**
Vice President: Micah Weber
- **Theta Tau Omega**
Corresponding Secretary: Lance Weinmann
Pledge Trainer: Steve Rothermich
Ugly Man/Bunnies Chair: Daniel Ryan
Bunnies Chair: Andrew Arnold
Elliot Giles

New Initiates & Pledges

Initiation Update

On January 24, 2009, nineteen men from the Fall 2008 pledge class were initiated into the Bonds of phi phi kappa alpha. Led by pledge educator Lucas Rottler (AK '05), they completed a successful pledge semester, highlighted by a strong class unity. Three of the nineteen men were able to obtain perfect 4.0 grade point averages in addition to displaying leadership within their pledge class.

The January 2009 initiates are, from left to right, Jacob Roth, Nicholas Bouvatte, Adam Martin, Scott Clay, Brian Phagan, Andrew Busby, Alex VanDeven, Dustin Hale, Austin Reed, Joseph Graff, Joshua Hampshire, Marc Siebers, Barret Von Behren, Michael Bradford, Zachary Ewbank, Levi Lewis, Andrew Terbrock, and Tyler Effinger.



Spring 2009 Pledge Class

Rush chairmen Stephen Grelle (AK '06) and Kaleb Hoffman (AK '08) recruited 12 men for the Spring 2009 pledge class, making it the largest spring pledge class since 2005. These men are already on their way to a successful pledge semester as they learn about the history and values of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Pictured, from left: (bottom row) Pledge Educator Stephen Grelle (AK '06); Jonathan Goecker, Kansas City, MO; Zack Hay, Springfield, MO; J.J. Bilyeu, St. Louis, MO; Kyle Sneed, Houston, TX; Ryan Muich, O'Fallon, IL; Joseph Jordan, Ballwin, MO; Matthew Crinnian, Webb City, MO; (top row) Lucas Wessel, O'Fallon, IL; Chris Barton, Granite City, IL; Adam Altmann, St. Louis, MO; Timothy Martin, St. Charles, MO; Jorge Quiroz, Caracas, Venezuela. (Not pictured: Jacob Shaw, Shipman, IL.



Intramurals

AK In Good Position for Intramurals After First Semester

Alpha Kappa dominated intramurals during the fall semester with a goal of winning another overall championship. Looking to get off to a quick lead, Pikes came out swinging and took the first major championship of the year with a win over Sigma Nu on the softball diamond. Stephen Rothermich (AK '06) broke the 11-11 tie in the bottom of the seventh inning with a walk-off RBI. However, PiKA is just one of two division one intramural teams that Alpha Kappa puts on the field. Hooligans, Pikes "B" team, had just come off a record setting fifth place finish the year before. Looking to repeat this finish again, Hooligans put together a string of a few regular season wins. Unfortunately, the combination of a few key losses late in the season and a blown lead in the last regular season game kept them out of the playoffs, limiting their finish to 10th place. This set Hooligans back five places shy of their desired position on the leader board, making another overall top five finish difficult.

With the early momentum gained from the softball championship, Pi Kappa Alpha extended their lead with a flag football championship, beating out Sigma Nu again for the top spot. New member Alex Vandeven (AK '09) lead Pikes as quarterback while graduating senior Neil Fehr (AK '05) used his experience to guide the team to a decisive victory. Hooligans improved greatly on their less than stellar softball performance with a 5th place finish on the gridiron. Placing in the top five in flag football was a must to keep the hopes of an overall top five finish alive, and they rose to the occasion by making the playoffs and clinching the fifth spot.

With two of the three major sports during the fall clinched, Pikes started volleyball with confidence. As fate would have it, the championship game was a match between overall leader PiKA and the slowly rising Hooligans. With club athlete Andrew Binz (AK '05) leading the charge, PiKA imposed their game style on Hooligans, taking the match in two games. Even with the loss however, Hooligans were more than happy with second place, gaining points on key opponents and putting themselves back in the fifth overall spot.

With all three major sport championship trophies atop the fireplace in Wolf Hall, Pi Kappa

Alpha had a commanding lead over second place. However, this lead was produced by more than the softball, football, and volleyball championships. Pikes finished second in golf, third in washers, and third in ultimate frisbee. Participation in all sports was a very big part of both PiKA's and Hooligans' campaigns. While other teams only compete in sports that they feel they will be competitive in, both Pikes and Hooligans brought a team to all sports to earn every point that they can get. The best example of this was the intramural swim meet. While AK has not been known for swimming, men representing PiKA and Hooligans showed up ready to give it whatever they had. PiKA proved that natural athletic ability goes a long way in any sport when they came out of the pile with a 5th place finish. Hooligans were less fortunate, tying for last place. Hooligans earned 148 points for their participation, moving them ahead of other teams who did not participate. Other key performances for Hooligans include ninth in ultimate frisbee and seventh in golf.

The fall 2008 intramural season could not have gone any better for both Pikes and Hooligans. Pikes won every major championship of the semester and finished near the top in almost every other event. Hooligans struggle to get started, but picked it up towards the end with a trip to the championship volleyball game. Both Pikes and Hooligans sit on the overall list in the same positions as they finished last year, 1st and 5th respectively. If the fall semester is any indication, Pi Kappa Alpha is on track for yet another Intramural Championship.



(Left) PiKA's Intramural Ultimate Frisbee, (Top Right) PiKA's Intramural Softball Team, (Bottom Right) PiKA's Intramural Flag Football Team

Chapter Spotlight

PIKE University

On February 6, 2009, Alpha Kappa sent a group of 38 men (all of the new initiates, new pledges, as well as a handful of members) from the Active Chapter headed out of Rolla, MO to attend a PIKE University event in Chicago, IL. AK has made it a point to see that all of our new members attend one of these national events during their first year of being a PiKA, as it seems to get them "fired up" about being a Pike. This time was no different as the men learned about many types of leadership characteristics and styles, and they learned how they could apply them to their coming years as members of Pi Kappa Alpha. While it was many of the men's first visits to a PIKE University event, some of the upperclassmen of AK were recognized and honored for repetitive participation. Both Brother Daniel Ryan (AK '06) and Brother Lance Weinmann (AK '06) were honored with Garnet Level Certification, which means they have attended five of these said events. Included in this honor were letters of recommendation from the national fraternity, a certificate, a PIKE U resume, and an official Pi Kappa Alpha graduation stole. Also honored at the event were Brother John Pettit (AK '06) and Brother Stephen



Grelle (AK '06). They were recognized for achieving Gold Level Certification, which is given to those who have attended three university events. Both men received a certificate suitable for framing. Alpha Kappa also managed to come away with some hardware for the group at this event when they received the award for most man miles traveled. Since all those miles were traveled, and the men were in Chicago, they also utilized the opportunity as a brotherhood weekend, spending a portion of their time site-seeing downtown. All in all, it was a very successful weekend for the Chapter as a whole — the newer members got a great look at some of the qualities it takes to be a successful man and PiKA; several of the members received individual honors; Alpha Kappa received a chapter award; and brotherhood was shared by all.

Pike of the Semester

Ryan Brunkhorst (AK '07) is a junior majoring in petroleum engineering. He has helped the house through the role of steward, who is in charge of maintaining the kitchen and food supply. He has been a vital member to the greater campus as the Student Council Alumni Liaison, a member of Students Today

Alumni Tomorrow, Blue Key Honor Society, and the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He also plays Intramural Volleyball for the house, and loves to play golf in his free time. Ryan says, "The drive that the people in this house have to be the best, has inspired me to do things I never thought possible."



Brother Abroad

Jon Miller (AK '06) is a senior in engineering management. Jon had the unique opportunity to take an internship last summer in Singapore, a small country in Southeast Asia, for a biotechnology company called Millipore. Millipore provides training, equipment testing and filtration systems for some of the larger Bio-tech com-



panies such as Genentech, Amgen, and Lonza. While with Millipore, Jon worked closely with the bioprocess team to assist in the design process of a new training facility. This new training facility will promote innovation and efficiency for surrounding biotechnology facilities by insuring the effectiveness of new products. By taking this first internship abroad, Jon now has opportunities to work for companies such as PMCRB and GE Healthcare. Jon plans to take the position with GE Healthcare since it will allow him the opportunity to not only be based out of Singapore, but to also travel to places such as India, China, and Australia. Jon has held many positions with the Fraternity and says, "Pi Kappa Alpha has provided me with a variety of experiences amongst a diverse group of people which has ultimately allowed me to develop my leadership skills in a way that prepares me for the global business market."

Rush

Spring Rush Continues to Rise

As we went into spring rush, we realized that there was a need to find a large amount of solid men that would become PiKA's. The number of men living in house was to be smaller than previous semesters due to various factors such as graduating seniors and students transferring due to the economy. As a result of knowing that the task ahead was a large one, Alpha Kappa got to work. From the efforts made by not only the recruitment chairmen but the chapter as a whole, the spring 2009 pledge class was larger than it had been in years.

Some of the reasons for such a large, successful pledge class were the use of small rush events, campus involvement, and a green book that was accessible through the internet. With a green book that was easy to update, it was even easier for the recruitment chairs to stay up to date on each individual that was being pursued. The large level of campus involvement from the chapter helped as well in generating names of quality men. Some of those men signed with Alpha Kappa due to the fact that when they saw the leadership by members in the house, it motivated them to join Pi Kappa Alpha to enjoy the best college experience. The continuous focus on small rush events was a key part in making sure that the rush was not overwhelmed by current members. We have worked at keeping the idea of two members to each rush in

order to ensure that a good level of interaction is kept. This allows the rush to get to know more than one person as well as having two members to help make a decision on the quality of the rush.

One of the new ideas that were implemented this past semester was the use of two recruitment chairs for the spring class as opposed to one. This was done for multiple reasons such as helping with rush in future semesters and having more than one man constantly searching and recruiting for Alpha Kappa. There was a head rush chair along with a secondary rush chair. Although each recruitment chair had equal power, the head rush chair had been involved in fall rush and helped mentor the secondary recruitment chair to take over and become the head rush chair for the upcoming fall. The decision was made to help in the transition process for rush. Since rush never sleeps, it was easier to have more than one member know about everything going on at any given time and to help mentor the incoming recruitment chair.

Overall Alpha Kappa excelled in recruitment again by recruiting the largest spring class. New policies have been set in place to ensure that the number of quality men signing with Alpha Kappa continues to rise above the rest. At the same time, Alpha Kappa strives to find new ideas and will never be satisfied with current results. There is always room for improvement and that is the challenge that we will face in upcoming semesters.

Ski Trip

This year's ski trip to Breckenridge Colorado included 12 members from the chapter. The group had the convenience of staying slope side in Breckenridge, which helped with some early mornings over the course of the trip. During their stay in Breckenridge, the group got to experience "Euler Fest" which was the town of Breckenridge's version of Mardi Gras. Six members from the chapter headed out early to experience Copper Mountain and Winter Park resorts as well. Overall, the guys had a great experience and cannot wait to head out to Colorado again next year.



Pictured from left: Fred Reineke, Zach Ewbank, Jere Mohan, Daniel Ryan, Michael Bradford, Caleb Waldbuesser, Jon Miller, and Andy Terbrock.

Turkey Bash

Just a week before Thanksgiving Break, Pi Kappa Alpha held their 4th Annual Turkey Bash. This was not only to support the Rolla Chapter of Special Olympics, but to also celebrate the arrival of the holidays with the start of Thanksgiving. Thanks to the hard work of the individuals who assisted in setting up the event (All-Stars and the performances of King Thief, Freak Accident, and Ashborne), Pi Kappa Alpha raised \$2100 which will be given directly to the Special Olympics, held yearly at the Missouri S&T track. There were approximately three-hundred fifty tickets sold, making it one of the most successful Turkey Bashes. It was the season to be jolly and the true spirit of the holidays were exemplified by Pi Kappa Alpha's continual support of the Rolla Chapter of the Special Olympics. Alpha Kappa would like to extend a thank you to all who attended or made a contribution to the annual Turkey Bash.



Alumni Events

From the President of the Alpha Kappa Alumni Association

The Alpha Kappa Alumni Association (AKAA) continues its push to grow and reach out to the alumni of the Alpha Kappa Chapter. In 2008 there were happy hours, cigar bar socials, winery trips, and golf tournaments. While some of the events had decent attendance, most of them were poor at best. The members of the board of the AKAA made a decision to scale back its efforts in an attempt to maintain their sanity. A decision was made to hold quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings. These meetings would be scheduled so that plans can be finalized for the two graduation luncheons that the AKAA puts on as well as Homecoming and Founders' day. The rest of the event planning would take place via email and telephone conversations — so far this system has seemed to work out.

The members of the board also spent some time answering the question; "What is the purpose of the AKAA?" When we sat down and really thought about it, the answer was easy. We are here to provide social and networking opportunities for the alumni of the Alpha Kappa Chapter. As members of the AKAA we should be setting up events which alumni of all generations can attend, enjoy, and feel no obligation to serve on any committee, support any scholarship, or advise the active chapter in any way. That is what we have a house corporation and an educational foundation for.

The members of the board hope for their meetings to become more of a social gathering where everyone is welcome to come and enjoy themselves. We hold them at Ozzie's or Pujols's restaurants in Westport plaza. As mentioned above, the biggest events we support would be the graduation luncheons. On the day of graduation, members of the AKAA travel to Rolla to congratulate the recent graduates and welcome them into their alumnus bonds with a complimentary lunch for them and their families. In addition to that, the AKAA has the honor of presenting the R.V. Wolf Loyalty Award to a deserving alumnus at the Homecoming celebration.

The AKAA has put together a list of planned events for 2009 which you will see in this addition of the Kapers. We understand that many of us have families and try to make our events as family friendly as possible, however in some cases (Fast Eddies), the young one's might not be able to attend. We hope that these events will have more popularity this year. Please be on the lookout in your email for e-vites from the AKAA for these events. In addition to that, if you have an idea for an event in the St. Louis area or wherever you may be, please contact the AKAA and let us know about it so we can get the word out.

Forever in the bonds,

Brother Christopher Swallow (AK '01)
AKAA president

Hodak's Chicken Dinner

On January 15, 2009 members of the Alpha Kappa Alumni Association and many of their spouses enjoyed some great food at Hodak's Restaurant. Those who braved the cold shared stories, memories, and the best fried chicken in the St. Louis Area.



Want To Help With Rush?

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

Rush Chairman:

John Van Gels • jgvn83@mst.edu

Lake Ozark Labor Day Golf Outing

Fourteen AK alums, family and friends got together for the tradition of golf at the Lake of the Ozarks on Labor Day weekend. The weather couldn't have been better for the four days. Some played all four days while others played only one or two rounds. That's the great thing about this weekend, you can play as little or as much as you want.

The tradition is so strong among those who have been doing this for decades that brothers came from as far away as Seattle, Las Vegas, and South Carolina. Of course, there were several from the St. Louis area, as well.

Brother Sontheimer went the extra mile and prepared a BBQ feast for Saturday evening dinner. Nothing better than pork steaks and all the fixin's with your favorite adult beverage after a long day of golf. After dinner, the guys relaxed playing poker, telling stories from back in the day, or watching the Mizzou-Illinois football game to cap off the evening.

This summer when you receive the invitation for the Labor Day weekend outing, don't just ignore it; call a few pledge brothers and come on out. It's a great way to close out the summer.

Alumni Updates

Albert L. Kidwell

Albert L. Kidwell, GGph' 40, passed away Aug. 16, 2008. He was a member of Blue Key and Tau Beta Pi. He completed his master's degree at Washington University and his Ph. D. at the University of Chicago. Dr. Kidwell worked for Carter Oil Co. Research Laboratory for 15 years and retired from Exxon Production Research after 20 years. He was an avid mineral collector and discovered an unknown mineral in 1948 in Arkansas. It was named "Kidwellite" after him by the International Nomenclature Committee in 1978.



Benjamin P. Winter

Brother Benjamin P. Winter (AK '80) received an honorary professional degree from Missouri S&T at the past May 2008 commencement. Brother Winter is the chief engineer of the minivan product team for Chrysler. He is responsible for all aspects of product planning, development, launch, cost and quality for Chrysler and Dodge minivans. He earned a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from Missouri S&T in 1980. While in Rolla, Brother Winter was an excellent student, elected to Tau Beta Pi, Phi Eta Sigma, president of Alpha Sigma Mu, and selected for "Who's Who." He also holds master's and Ph.D. degrees in metallurgical engineering and an MBA from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. He holds two U.S. patents for his work on cylinder block casting and manufacturing. Prior to working at Chrysler, Brother Winter was employed by Ford Motor Co. for 22 years. He and his wife Brenda live in Northville, Michigan, and have three boys.



Terry King

It is with much sadness that we announce the untimely passing of Brother Terry King; he was killed in an automobile crash on January 12, 2009. "Kinger" was initiated into AK chapter on Feb. 27, 1976. Not a UMR grad, however, he received his degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Brother King was an electronic components engineer and since 1991 was a contract employee with NASA. He worked at the Goddard Space Flight Center on numerous civilian satellite programs, most recently the James Web Space Telescope. An outstanding engineer, he recently received an excellence award for his part in an investigation into instrument failures on the Space Shuttle. Brother King was a dedicated alumnus and a frequent contributor to the AK chapter. He most recently visited for the 100th Anniversary and the addition dedication. He lived in Columbia, Maryland.



Donald W. Peterson

Brother Donald W. Peterson (AK '50) was partner in the intellectual property law firm of Leydig, Voit and Mayer. He served as deputy assistant secretary of commerce and deputy commissioner of patents and trademarks during the last two years of the Reagan Administration. Prior to his appointment as deputy commissioner, Brother Peterson had been with the Monsanto Company since 1953. He joined Monsanto as a chemical engineer and, while attending night law school, he transferred to the patent department. He served in various capacities including senior attorney — licensing; trademark counsel; patent counsel — polymers and petrochemicals; patent counsel — commercial products; patent counsel — agricultural products; and was named associate general patent counsel in 1981. He elected early retirement in December of 1985.



Brother Peterson was a member of the American Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Licensing Executives Society, the Patent and Trademark Office Society, and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. He was a vice president and member of the Board of the Inventors Association of St. Louis. He was a past chairman of the Patent Law Committee of the National Agricultural Chemical Association (NACA) and the Patent Law Committee of the International Association of Agrochemical Manufacturers. Brother Peterson was also a founding member of the International Anticounterfeiting Coalition and a vice president until he accepted the presidential appointment.

Brother Peterson received a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from Missouri S&T in 1950, his J. D. degree from the St. Louis University Law School in 1957, and an honorary doctorate degree from Missouri S&T in 1989. He was a member of the bar of the State of Missouri, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Supreme Court. He retired as municipal judge of Des Peres, Mo., in 1985 after having served for 25 years in that elected office. Brother Peterson was a devoted husband of 55 years to Mary A. Waldorf and beloved father of Dr. Donald W. Peterson, Jr. He passed away September 28, 2008.

Upcoming AKAA events

May — Golf Tourney

June — Picnic in Forest Park followed by a show at the Muniy

July — A Saturday at Fast Eddie's

August 22 — Kirchenfest

<http://www.kirchenfest.com/>

Sept/Oct — Herman Winery Trip

Be on the look out....dates to follow

Alumni Events

Ron Miller made St. Pat's Honorary Knight

Brother Ron Miller (AK '64) was named an Honorary Knight of St. Patrick for the 101st Annual Best Ever St. Pat's. Brother Miller earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Missouri S&T in 1964. He enjoyed a 36-year career with Procter & Gamble, where he retired as vice president and general manager for tissue, towels and facial products at Procter & Gamble Worldwide. Brother Miller has volun-



teered with the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and the United Way. He has served on the Board of Directors of Boatmen's Bank, the American Red Cross and Hope Network Ministries. He is a founding member of S&T's Academy of Chemical Engineering. He is also a member of the Order of the

Golden Shillelagh and a member and past president of Missouri S&T's Board of Trustees. Also, Darlene Ramsay, wife of current chapter advisor Chris Ramsay (AK '90), was named an Honorary Knight of St. Patrick during this St. Pat's. Darlene is currently director of advancement services at Missouri S&T. She is responsible for the areas of alumni giving, alumni records and prospect research within the university advancement division. She is also a past president of the Miner Alumni Association and has served on the Missouri S&T Board of Trustees.

Brother Joseph Maul

Brother Joseph Maul was married to his high school sweetheart, Crista Holden, on April 19th, 2008. He is currently employed at AT&T and resides in Columbia, Ill.



Vacca Still Playing

Brother Herman Vacca (AK '60) entertained the Houston section of the Miner Alumni Association at the December 6th Holiday Celebration by playing Christmas favorites on the piano. This should bring back fond memories for those who attended Missouri S&T with Brother Vacca since he always played the piano for his brothers while waiting to sit down for dinner.

Homecoming

Please check the June issue of Missouri S&T Magazine for Pikes getting alumni awards at Homecoming. Also, do not forget to check the back cover for upcoming chapter events and a schedule for Homecoming.

Founders' Day

The Founders' Day luncheon was held on March 7, 2009 in Wolf Hall at the AK chapter house. The crowd of over 100 included a hand full of distinguished alumni. The catered barbeque dinner and drinks were very well received. Additionally, a beautiful banquet of fresh cut flowers adorned the head table. The event was coordinated by Bob Kallemeier.

Prior to the luncheon, updates from the Alpha Kappa Alumni Association, House Cooperation, and Educational Foundation were presented to the active chapter. Most importantly in attendance was the special guest of honor Rollie Johnson. As many of you may already know Rollie was the recipient of the R.V. Wolf Loyalty Award at Homecoming during the fall semester. A special thank you goes out to Rollie and his continued support of the Alpha Kappa Chapter.



Commencement

For the third consecutive semester, the AKAA hosted a post-commencement luncheon for AK's December 2008 graduates, families, and friends.

The luncheon was held on December 20, 2008 in Wolf Hall at the AK chapter house. The crowd of almost 100 guests, which included 12 graduating Pikes, filled Wolf Hall to capacity. The catered barbeque dinner and drinks were well received, and everyone enjoyed a bite of the special graduation cake that was provided.

Chris Thornton and Steve Penberthy headed up the event for the AKAA, coordinating the food, drinks, and cake; the AK House Corporation graciously provided financial support for the event.

Chris Ramsay and Marion Penberthy (Steve's wife) also provided indispensable help, which further contributed to the luncheon's success. The AKAA hopes to continue this excellent event each semester, as it creates an important Alumni Association touch point as the active brothers move into the AK alumni community.

Alumni Profiles

Daniel E. Frisbee, PE

Brother Dan Frisbee (AK '68) is the chief executive officer of Walton Construction and the newest member of the AK House Corporation Board of Directors. As the chief executive officer of Walton Construction, Dan is responsible for the development of the overall direction and vision of the company. This includes overseeing and supporting the operations of each Walton division. Brother Frisbee received his undergraduate degree from Missouri S&T in civil engineering in 1972 and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Missouri. With more than 36 years in the construction industry, Dan's project experience encompasses retail/mixed use, government, hospitality, corporate, heavy civil, educational, healthcare, manufacturing, and correctional facilities. While at Missouri S&T, Brother Frisbee held many positions in the chapter including pledge class president, pledge master, a member of the initiation team, assistant house manager, rush chairman, and president. Dan was also heavily involved with various campus organizations throughout his tenure at Rolla. After graduation, Dan's involvement with the Missouri S&T campus as well as the chapter did not fade. He was a member of the Alpha Kappa House Corporation from 1974 to 1980 where he was president of the organization for his last three years. For his notable contributions to the chapter, Dan was awarded the R.V. Wolf Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1992. Even after receiving this distinguished award, Dan's involvement with Alpha Kappa only grew and was proven through his part on the construction, architect, and general contractor committee for new house construction after the old chapter house burned down. He has been a board member on the Alpha Kappa Alumni Association and currently serves the Miner Alumni Association Board on the finance and government advisory committees.

Brother Frisbee has had a very extensive and successful professional career. After graduating from Missouri S&T, Dan went to work as a Material Testing Specialist for the Missouri State Highway Department. After only a year in that position, Dan joined the Tarlton Corporation and remained there for nearly twenty years where he became a Vice President and Partner of the company. He then changed companies in 1994 by becoming involved with Fru-Con Construction as a Senior Vice President and Division Manager. Dan was only with Fru-Con for about five years before becoming the Vice President of Brinkman Construction in 2000. After one year with Brinkman, he then moved to Mosley Construction to become Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the firm. Dan then made one final change of firms to Walton Construction in 2002 where he began as Senior Vice President and Division Manager. He is currently the Chief Ex-

ecutive Officer and Owner of Walton Construction.

Despite his numerous responsibilities in Walton Construction and his commitments to the Alpha Kappa Chapter, Dan has still found time to commit to other professional groups including the Commercial Real Estate Development Association (NAIOP), the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), and the Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA). Brother Frisbee also served his community on the political action committee for AGC of St. Louis and was the Treasurer on the Member Board of Directors for the Wyman Center. He is also a strong supporter of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Two of Dan's five brothers and his one sister attended Missouri S&T and his brothers were members of Pi Kappa Alpha. The Thomas G. Frisbee scholarship was named for Dan's brother, Lt Tom Frisbee, USAF. Tom graduated in 1970 with a degree in Engineering Management and entered the Air Force OCS program. He was tragically killed in a plane crash in August 1972. The scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding 4th or 5th year student.

Dan has many other family ties to the school and to the fraternity. Dan's aunt, Bernie Rippert worked as a cook for many years in Alpha Kappa house. The Bernie Rippert award was established in her honor to recognize outstanding pledges. Bernie was beloved and served as a friend and advisor to everyone in the house.

Three of Dan's nephews also attended Rolla. Dan's niece and sister in law are currently employed at Missouri S&T and Dan's niece served as a past editor of S&T Magazine.

Dan was introduced to his wife Jackie at a pledge brother's wedding in 1972. They married in 1975 and live in Manchester Missouri. Jackie is an elementary school principal for the Parkway School District. Dan and Jackie have two children, Jenny and Steve, who are both working on their own careers. When he is not working, Dan enjoys traveling with his family and reading.

Alumni Profiles

Roller named president of Miner Alumni

Perrin Roller of Spring, Texas, vice president for well engineering for Devon Energy Corp., was elected president of the Miner Alumni Association at Missouri University of Science and Technology during the university's homecoming celebration October 19.

He took over for Darlene Ramsay, director of advancement services at Missouri S&T and Miner Alumni Association past president.

The Miner Alumni Association represents and serves more than 50,000 alumni of the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, the University of Missouri-Rolla and Missouri S&T.

The association's priorities include providing scholarship support to students and connecting alumni to the campus through Missouri S&T Magazine and in 51 sections worldwide.

Roller, who also serves as adjunct professor of geological and petroleum engineering at Missouri S&T, received a Bachelor of Science degree in geological engineering from Missouri S&T in 1980.

In 1997, the department honored him with a professional degree.

Roller is a registered professional engineer in Texas and California. He is active in the Society of Petroleum Engineers, the Marine Technology Society, the American Association of Drilling Engineers and the American Petroleum Institute.

In addition to his involvement with the alumni association, Roller is active as an alumnus of his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha. He is also a member of the petroleum engineering and geological engineering advisory boards, the Academy of Mines and Metallurgy and the Order of the Golden Shillelagh.



Rollie Johnson recipient of 2008 Robert V. Wolf Loyalty Award

Brother Rollie Johnson (AK '57) was initiated into the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha in 1957. Most would say that during his time as an undergrad he served as the Unofficial Pledge Master. Rollie graduated in 1962 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, but not before he wed Lois Riley in 1961

Rollie then went on to serve two years in the Army as a 1st Lieutenant in the "Big Red One." After he was honorably discharged he went to work for the Trane Company as a sales engineer. After Trane he moved onto Nash Engineering and then onto Brusco-Rich as an owner.

In 1973 Rollie moved his family to Tulsa, OK where he started his own business, however his family wanted to return to St. Louis and they did only a year later. Upon his return, Rollie founded — Rollie Johnson Incorporated, an HVAC manufactures rep firm. He also founded several other companies which were complimentary to RJI.

In 1990 he started Systems Enhancement Corporation with his son Rob and was soon joined by Rick, Jamey, Pat and his son-in-law Jim. In 1997, Systems Enhancement was sold to American Power Conversion — at this point Rollie decided to retire (which lasted about a week) and he began and has continued consulting with APC working with his sons. In 1999 he took on the Pike House rebuilding project and approached it as he has always done — 110%

Rollie received UMR honors in 1994 and 1996 and MSM-UMR honors in 1999. In 2006 the Missouri University of Science and Technology presented Rollie with the Alumni Merit Award. When Rollie reflects back on all of his accomplishments and awards he has received though out his life, he still looks upon his time with Pi Kappa Alpha as the most memorable period in his life.

Rollie and Lois have now been married 47 years and have five children — Rick, Jacque, Rob, Jamey and Pat. They also have 18 grandchildren, 10 boys and 8 girls. All of Rollie's sons are members of the Alpha Kappa Chapter as well. When he is not spending time with his grandchildren Rollie is enjoys his retirement by traveling, hunting, fishing, participating in wildlife conservation, and still enjoys design and building.

Rollie sums it all up in one short quote — "Life is great!"

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Scholastic Awards

Undergraduate Members Recognized for Outstanding Leadership & Scholarship

Over \$45,000 was presented in scholarships and awards to undergraduate members of Alpha Kappa Chapter this past October during Dad's Day. Eighty five awards were given to 59 different members for scholastic achievement and leadership. Scholastic awards totaled \$11,000; leadership awards totaled \$5870; and memorial and alumni awards totaled

almost \$29,000. These awards would not be possible without the continuing generous financial support from our alumni. Scholarship continues to be a major goal of Alpha Kappa Chapter. The Chapter finished the fall 2008 semester with an overall GPA of 3.03, placing them third among 20 fraternities and above both "All Greek" and "All Student" averages.



*The Alpha Kappa 3.2 – 3.49
Scholarship Recipients*



*The Alpha Kappa 3.8 – 4.0
Scholarship Recipients*



*The Alpha Kappa Officers
receive Leadership Awards*

Scholastic Awards

3.8 – 4.0

Gregg Crannick
Daniel Gravlin
William Kirby
Andrew Brune
Curtis McDonald
Nicholas Mentasana
Brandon Moore
Fredrick Reineke
Jeremy Schlosser
Kevin Laut
Colin Douthit
Micah Weber
Stephen Bostic

3.5 – 3.79

Jerel Bernasek
Neil Fehr
Stephen Grelle
Kenneth Gravlin
Gregory Miller
Brian Tucker
Joshua Kaltenbronn
Lucas Rottler
Aaron Gowdy
James Shipman
Caleb Waldbuesser
Thomas Lawton
Joshua Young
Daniel Ryan
Brian Daming
Garrett McCarthy
Ryan O'Daniel

3.2 – 3.49

Jason Kath
Joel Birke
Thomas Graff
James Pendergrass
Michael McNamee
Andrew Binz
Jon Van Gels
Matthew Wilson
Christopher Zerr

Leadership Awards

Officer Awards

John Pettit
Alex Mear
Andrew Huebner
Ryan Hiestand
Lucas Rottler
Lance Weinmann
Joshua Heger

Rush Captain Awards

Kaleb Hoffman
James Pendergrass
Lance Weinmann
Kenneth Baer
William Kirby

Alumni Awards

Wentz Award

Andrew Mais
Jeffrey Burke
Joshua Kaltenbronn

Spence Award

Caleb Waldbuesser

Miller Award

Kevin Post
Brett Gaumond

Latzer Award

John Pettit

Grimm Award

Lucas Rottler
Lance Weinmann
Jerel Bernasek
Daniel Ryan

Gund Award

Micah Weber

Alyea Award

Matthew Wilson

Bauer Award

Brian Tucker
Ryan O'Daniel
Curtis McDonald
Timothy Neff

Roller Award

Andrew Arnold

Memorial Awards

Wolf Award

Stephen Grelle

Thompson Award

Fredrick Reineke
Rippert Award
Kenneth Gravlin

Morgan Award

Nicholas Mentasana

Hubbard Award

Matthew Wilson

Kruger Award

Michael McNamee
William Cacheris
Andrew Huebner

Intramural Athlete Award

William Kirby

Frisbee Award

Joel Birke

Drebes Award

William Kirby

Gevecker Award

Joseph Graff
Barret Von Behren
Brian Phagan

Fall 2003 Scholarship

The Fall 2003 Pledge Class made a significant impact on the long term success of Alpha Kappa during their undergraduate years. This pledge class continues to lead the Fraternity as young alumni. While they were undergraduates, Fall 2003 made the decision to establish and fund an endowed scholarship in order to give back to AK. No other pledge class within AK has, thus far, made such a commitment.

Currently the leading donors are Andy Reitter, Alex Mear, David Hill, and Kurt Haslag. Other F2K3 members have donated, as they have been able. The total to date in the fund balance is \$7,500. The pledge class plans to reach the \$20,000 mark within the next three years.

The level of commitment this pledge class has shown is exceptional. On the one hand we might expect for young graduates to give back as soon as they graduate. On the other hand, even with the traditionally strong starting salaries that S&T graduates earn, it is very expensive to get established upon graduation. These men are all in the process of purchasing homes, needed automobiles, paying off student loans, getting married, and even raising their children. Given the financial pressures that our young graduates deal with, it is simply remarkable that these young men have made a commitment and are well on their way to meeting their goals.



We are proud of the achievements of F2K3. We are grateful for not only what they contributed to AK as undergraduates but now as they lead the Fraternity with the establishment of a Pledge Class Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Fall 2003 pledge class would like to challenge other pledge classes to strive to make similar contributions to the Educational Foundation and see how they can compare with their own.

Philip Colombatto Contributes \$100,000 to Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation

Brother Phil Colombatto (AK '68) made a major contribution to the AKEF Capital Campaign with a \$100,000 donation to the Educational Foundation. The income from his contribution will support chapter officer leadership awards.

Phil was initiated into Alpha Kappa on February 24, 1968, and graduated from UMR in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. As an undergraduate, he served in various chapter leadership positions and was a stand-out shortstop on the Miner baseball team for four years. After graduation, Phil worked as an engineering systems analyst with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District before returning to Rolla for his M.S. degree. He received a master's degree in Engineering Management from UMR in 1976.

Brother Colombatto had a long and distinguished career with Anheuser-Busch Inc. He began in the Management Systems Division of Anheuser-Busch as a management research analyst. In this position he was assigned to produce a model of Anheuser-Busch's brewing process and worked closely with "Old World" brewmasters to learn the art. Phil held various positions of increasing responsibility leading to Senior Brewmas-

ter at Anheuser-Busch's St. Louis Brewery. Phil held that position until 1994, when he became Vice President of the Quality Assurance Division, reporting directly to the president, August A. Busch IV. In this position he developed and managed Anheuser-Busch's quality programs and standards for U.S. and international beer operations. Brother Colombatto retired from Anheuser-Busch in 2008.

Supporting his university as well as his fraternity, Phil served as a speaker for the chancellor's Leadership Academy in 2004-2005, and in 2006 was inducted into the Academy of Engineering Management at Missouri S&T.



Scholarships

Continuation of the Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program

Alumni who received scholarships during their tenure as undergraduates from the Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program from inception to 2001 were acknowledged in the past four issues of the Kapers. This addition of the Kapers will span the years from 2002-Spring Semester 2004.

In 2003, House Corporation and the newly formed Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation worked to implement two new programs. The first focused on outstanding scholastic semester achievement... 3.2 & above, 3.5 & above, or 3.8 & above. This program supersedes the overall scholastic, semester scholastic, and scholastic improvement scholarships that had been

distributed for so many years. The second program focused on improving officer leadership performance through implementation of a "management by objectives" strategy for the executive council. In addition, several alumni established scholarship endowments, including Dick and Shirley Bauer; Al Wentz, Jr.; Russell Gund; and the Gevecker Family.

As always, a detailed explanation of the aforementioned scholarships begin 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

2002—Spring Semester 2004

2002

Christopher Swallow – *Thompson*
Timothy Hogan – *Frisbee*
Adam Hunt – *Overall Scholastic*
Christopher Shaw –
Semester Scholastic
Hunter Kephart – *Drebes*
Gregory Redshaw – *Drebes*
Jim Roepke – *Intramural Athlete*
Christopher Shaw – *Hubbard*
Ryan Coates – *Rippert*
Michael Schupbach – *Rippert*
Mark Creason – *Wolf*

2003 —Spring Semester

Kyle Verhoff – *SMC*
Tom Qualls – *SC*
Daniel Larson – *Pledge Educator*
Christopher Swallow –
House Manager
Mark Creason – *2nd IMC*
Eric Caldwell – *1st IMC*
Derek Ogg – *Wentz*
Ryan Coates – *Wentz*
Paul Leonard – *Bauer*
Brice Adams – *Bauer*
Thomas Qualls – *Wolf*
Kyle Kane – *Thompson*
Sebastian Bustamante – *Rippert*
Christopher Shaw – *Morgan*
Kyle Verhoff – *IM Athlete*
Drew Curran – *Hubbard*
Mark Creason – *Frisbee*
Daniel Larson – *Frisbee*

Kyle Kane – *Drebes*
Brian Vaughn – *Drebes*
Christopher Shaw – 3.8
Drew Curran – 3.5
Mark Creason – 3.5
Derek Ogg – 3.5
Daniel Larson – 3.5
Christopher Moll – 3.2
Nathaniel Green – 3.2
Paul Leonard – 3.2
Christopher Swallow – 3.2
Ryan Curran – 3.2
Jacob Coibion – 3.2
Ryan Coates – 3.2
Adam Hale – 3.2

2003 — Fall Semester

Chad Raley – *ThC*
Daniel Larson – *SMC*
Michael Stauss – *SC*
Christopher Swallow –
Rush Captain
Daniel Daegling – *Rush Captain*
Wesley Trueblood – *Rush Captain*
Michael Stauss – *Rush Captain*
Eric Caldwell – *Rush Captain*
Brice Adams – *Pledge Educator*
Tom Qualls – *House Manager*
James Roepke – *2nd IMC*
Ryan Coates – *1st IMC*
Philip Schloss – *Rippert*
Matthew Brooks – *Gevecker*
Jared Meyer – *Gevecker*
Macabee Dorman – *Gevecker*

Jeffrey Harrouff – *Gevecker*
Christopher Shaw – 3.8
David Alan Jablonski – 3.8
Philip Schloss – 3.8
Wesley Earl Trueblood – 3.8
Brian Michael Heaton – 3.8
Nicholas Joseph Toeller – 3.5
Paul Becker – 3.5
Robert Wright – 3.5
Derek Ogg – 3.5
Sean Michael Ackley – 3.5
Ryan Coates – 3.5
Chad Raley – 3.5
Daniel Larson – 3.5
Ryan Curran – 3.2
Nathaniel Green – 3.2
Thomas Ray Siengsukon – 3.2
James Roepke – 3.2
Kyle Verhoff – 3.2
Joshua Michael Holland – 3.2

2004 — Spring Semester

Eric Walling – *ThC*
Eric Caldwell – *SMC*
Joseph Grier – *SC*
Daniel Larson – *Rush Captain*
Christopher Swallow –
Pledge Educator
Daniel Daegling – *House Manager*
Larry Schreiber – *2nd IMC*
Tom Qualls – *1st IMC*
Derek Ogg – *Wentz*
Ryan Coates – *Wentz*
Andy Becker – *Wentz*

Matt Mayes – *Gund*
Christopher Swallow – *Bauer*
Tom Qualls – *Bauer*
Paul Leonard – *Bauer*
Daniel Daegling – *Wolf*
Jake Rathert – *Thompson*
Kurt Haslag – *Rippert*
Philip Schloss – *Morgan*
Wesley Trueblood – *Kruger*
Larry Schreiber – *IM Athlete*
David Hill – *Hubbard*
Kyle Verhoff – *Frisbee*
Matt Mayes – *Drebes*
Wesley Trueblood – 3.8
Robert Wright – 3.8
Philip Schloss – 3.8
Matt Mayes – 3.5
Derek Ogg – 3.5
Ryan Coates – 3.5
Christopher Moll – 3.5
Jake Rathert – 3.5
Matthew Richardson – 3.5
David Hill – 3.5
Matthew Brooks – 3.5
Christopher Swallow – 3.2
Ryan Curran – 3.2
Robert Swacil – 3.2
Nathaniel Green – 3.2
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Nicholas Banes – 3.2
Macabee Dorman – 3.2
Kurt Haslag – 3.2
Alex Mear – 3.2

AKEF Financial Status

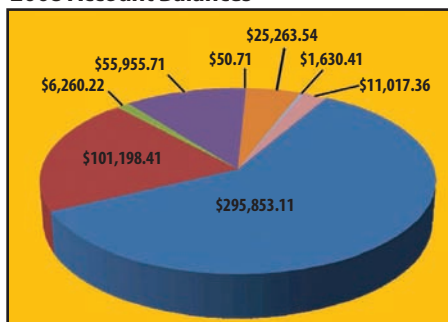
Cumulative Giving Levels

(As of 12/31/2008)

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

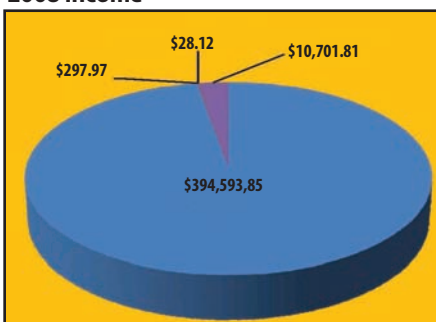
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Founders Society \$250,000 to \$499,999 Alfred Powell	Garnet & Gold Society \$10,000 to \$49,999 Alpha Kappa House Corporation William Horst Pierre Powell	Lily of the Valley Society \$5,000 to \$9,999 Richard Bauer Karl Gevecker	Kapers Society Up to \$999 Jerrold Alyea James Bess Brian Beyer Duncan Block		
Junior Founders Society \$100,000 to \$249,999 Phillip Colombatto		Shield & Diamond Society \$1,000 to \$4,999 Gevecker Family Trust			

2008 Account Balances



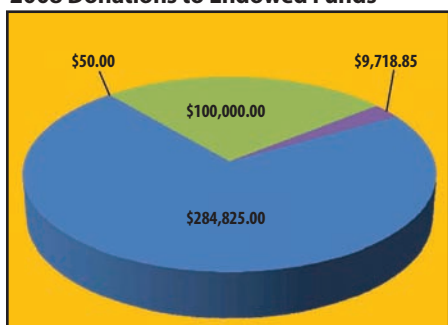
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 ■ Rolla Public School Fund
 ■ Wolf Fund

2008 Income



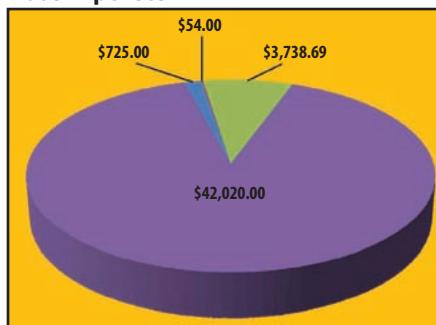
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 ■ Investment Income: Dividends
 ■ Investment Income: Interest

2008 Donations to Endowed Funds



■ Unrestricted Fund
 ■ Rippert
 ■ Colombatto Fund
 ■ Wolf Fund

2008 Expenses



■ Scholarships
 ■ Legal & Accounting
 ■ Post Office Box
 ■ Furnishings

Annual Giving Levels

(01/01/08 – 12/31/08)

Diamond Club \$10,000 & Up Alpha Kappa House Corporation Phillip Colombatto Alfred Powell Pierre Powell	Silver Club \$1,000 to \$2,499 Alan Kamp Wesley Myers
Platinum Club \$5,000 to \$10,000 Dotty Wolf	Bronze Club \$500 to \$999 Miear Family Derek Pelate
Gold Club \$2,500 to \$4,999	Brass Club \$100 to \$499 David Erman Paul Herrmann
	Copper Club Up to \$99

Chapter House Upgrades

Kitchen Update — January 2009

After the tragic fire in February 1999, our faithful cook, Betty, planned meals and cooked for the Active Chapter using the borrowed facilities at the Baptist Student Union and the local Methodist Church. Sixty to seventy Brothers enjoyed Betty's friendship and service. These were tough times.

Betty was asked to participate in the kitchen design as we proceeded to replace the old lost facility. The new kitchen facility was constructed in 2000 to serve seventy to eighty men in a style of cooking most favored by Betty.

When the Chapter House was expanded in 2007, Betty was faced with meal preparation for the possibility of more than 100 at the table! Sadly, Betty decided to retire during the 2008 spring semester. With the help of Jim Murphy, we were able to contract with Chartwell Company, the food service provider for the University, to finish out the semester.

During the summer months a search was completed with the hiring of Marie Nelson on a trial basis. Marie jumped right in and began to prepare fabulous meals. The attendance at the dinner table grew from 90 or so, to more than 100 on a regular basis. Marie was preparing fewer fried foods and was interested in providing more baked and conventionally cooked foods. The Brothers are giving her high ratings.

Midway through the 2008 fall semester, Josh Heger brought to House Corporation attention that Marie was requesting changes in the kitchen equipment layout. It was preliminarily estimated that it could cost between \$15,000–\$20,000. Several alternatives were being suggested. After meeting with Marie, and considering the limitations of the space available, a layout was agreed upon that would support her style of cooking. Also, some of the eight-year-old equipment was in need of major maintenance or replacement.

Competitive bids were secured from C.A.R.E. Co., Camdenton, Mo. and Servco, St Louis for a new range with a 30" grill, four top burners and two ovens, a double convection oven unit, addition of side panels for the safety hood, rework of the fire suppression

system, relocation of the larger deep fryer, rework of the gas connections, castors for all of the equipment and installation of all the items in a new cooking line-up.

C.A.R.E. was the low bidder and offered trade-in allowances for the old, worn out, range and the smaller deep fryer. We proceeded with a \$12,500 expenditure, and the equipment changes were completed during the first week of January.



Marie Nelson
House Cook

Marie is very Happy with the new set-up! The first day back of spring semester, she baked brownies for the guys in her new convection ovens. This writer has enjoyed roast beef and baked ham dinners with all the trimming and desert on several occasions.

We also appreciate Marie's management skills and enforcement of the "stay out of the kitchen unless you are on the work crew" rule. We are now better using the "food line concept", and after evening clean-up, the kitchen is locked down until the following morning. The weekend kitchen is being used for "disposal" of leftovers and breakfast dining as was originally contemplated. We think that our new practices, including purchases of miscellaneous required utensils, the new kitchen equipment and adherence to make-sense sanitation rules should improve the health and safety of the Brothers.

Thank you Marie for your good ideas, management skills and good food! You've made the team.

Bob Kallemeier (AK '62)
House Corporation Vice President



Back in Time: 30 years ago

The Parents' Club, in conjunction with the Little Sisters completed the drapery project for the house. Other house projects included the purchase of a new steam table and general upgrade of the kitchen area. Work was not limited to the house as Alpha Kappa also participated in several community projects. They helped restore an old building in Ber Juan Park into a Youth Center for the City of Rolla. The brothers also helped with the Alpha Phi Omega project at the Rolla Sheltered Workshop. The financial system of the house was based on a \$150 per month house bill, broken down to an \$18 social fee, \$60 room rent, \$72 for board for actives and \$57 for board for pledges (less than the cost of a dormitory). This amount enabled the Chapter to remain on sound financial footing with a 55-man house budget.

From the House Corporation President

As we all know, for decades Bob Wolf was the House Corporation (HC), the Alumni Association (AA) and to the extent that any contributions were made he was the Educational Foundation (EF) plus the only long term contact with the Active Chapter (AC). After his death, the decision was made to formally establish these four entities as separate ones with a common mission and vision.

Because all Alpha Kappa alumni are members of the HC, I want to let you know how the HC is structured and of its leadership and successes.

The HC was recognized by the international Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity with the Best Chapter House Improvement Award this last August for the addition of the Al Powell Wing. The Operations Manual which was developed under the leadership of the HC is the cornerstone for Alpha Kappa receiving the award as the Best Managed Chapter in PiKA two of the last four years.

None of these accomplishments could be obtained without the dedication of Alpha Kappa alumni who have been very generous with their time and financial contributions. There are many talented brothers on the HC BOD and each of these brothers has dedicated himself to exceeding any expectations.

Bob Kallemeyer who graduated in 1962 is the Vice President and previously has served as President. He was the person with direct responsibility for working with the architects and construction companies for both the 2001 house and the Al Powell Wing two years ago. He currently coordinates all major improvements with the contractors.

Secretary/treasurer is Don Myers. Don graduated in 1961 and has been on the faculty at MST for decades. Don handles all of the financial aspects of the HC including obtaining bank loans for the addition to the house, collection of the rent from the AC and payment of bills for maintenance and repairs. He also is the eyes and ears of the HC as all maintenance reports are filed with him by the House Manager. Don then hires local craftsmen to perform the repairs. (The AC no longer does any major repair to ensure that the quality of the house is excellent at all times thus protecting our investment of over \$6 million in the Chapter House.) Each summer, Don also is responsible for overseeing about \$50,000 in general maintenance to fulfill the HC's policy to have a "like new" chapter house each fall.

Dave Zimmerman, my predecessor as HC president and 1989 graduate, is responsible for the retreats held at the end of each semester and attended by the AC's outgoing and incoming officers as well as officers of the HC, AA and EF. These retreats which have been reported in other issues of the Kapers are extremely important in continually to improve the overall quality of the four entities. Dave not only

arranges for the lodging and meals but facilitates the retreats. His skill in leading the retreats allows all participants to express their ideas of how to better Alpha Kappa and to develop actions plans based upon the experience of all attendees.

Trace Shaughnessy joined the HC BOD in 2008. Trace, a 1986 graduate, is the president of The Gilded Age, a development company that has among other projects redeveloped the old St. Louis City Hospital complex into a condo complex. The HC has recognized that given the complexity of the physical structure of the house we need to be sure that each of the major officers has an understudy who can smoothly step in to the officer role. Trace is that person for Bob Kallemeyer and Don Myers.

The newest member of the HC BOD, Dan Frisbee, joined the BOD this March. Dan, a 1972 graduate, is President of Walton Construction and a former president of the HC. More about Dan is in the HC profile elsewhere in this issue of Kapers. Dan is the understudy for me.

Chris Ramsay, the Alumnus Advisor, is also a key member of the HC by virtue of his role. He works closely with the AC and is greatly respected by the AC as well as the HC. He is often the person who "closes" the sale of new ideas.

Finally, the Presidents of the AA and EF also are on the BOD of the HC. Similarly, the President of the HC is on their boards. By the presidents being on each others boards, the coordination and understanding of specific issues are better understood and we can work cooperatively to improve Alpha Kappa.

Together the four entities have achieved accomplishments that Bob Wolf would applaud. We all know that the foundation was laid by Brother Wolf. We are just the current caretakers.

Bob Brockhaus (AK '62)

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Upcoming Events

June 5 — PRO Day

For more information on how you can help Alpha Kappa with recruitment, contact John VanGels (jgyn83@mst.edu).

June 12 — PRO Day

For more information on how you can help Alpha Kappa with recruitment, contact John VanGels (jgyn83@mst.edu).

June 19 — PRO Day

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July 30 – August 2 — The 2009 PiKA Academy

National Conference located at the University of Memphis. This is where the national awards are presented.

August 15 — PRO Day and Freshmen Move-In

For more information on how you can help Alpha Kappa with recruitment, contact John VanGels (jgyn83@mst.edu).

August 15–22 — Opening Week

September 12–19 — Greek Week

September 29 — Missouri S&T Career Fair

October 23–24 — Missouri S&T Homecoming “Miners of the Round Table”

Check with the Miner Alumni Association for a list of events and activities! Alpha Kappa Homecoming schedule on the right.

December 5–6 — Executive Council Retreat

December 19 — December Commencement

Please see the Alumni Association section for upcoming alumni events. If you will be hosting or know of any alumni events that you would like mentioned by the chapter, please submit your information to the website at www.akpikes.com. We will try to have that posted in a timely manner under the alumni events section.

Looking Ahead

Alpha Kappa's executive officers joined together with officers from the three alumni entities to tackle some tough issues at the winter executive retreat. The executive retreats are an excellent opportunity for the officers of the chapter to speak to alumni heavily involved with chapter operations. Incoming and outgoing officers discussed the expectations of the executive council in the upcoming semester while informing the present alumni about the goings on of the active chapter.



Pictured from left: Kaleb Hoffman, Steve Grelle, Ryan O'Daniel, Joel Birke, Josh Heger, John Pettit, Kenny Baer, Lucas Rottler, and Curtis McDonald.

This semester's retreat was held at the Holiday Inn in Eureka, Missouri. The proceedings began with a light dinner and moved into outgoing reports. The outgoing officers spoke about the shortcomings of the previous semester and commented on what could be improved in the semester to come. A break out session between the incoming and outgoing officers helped to more specifically establish the goals and responsibilities for each officer position.

There was much discussion about the future of the chapter house's kitchen and the new schedule for the production of the Kapers including the outsourcing of all graphic design. After a lengthy discussion about adjustments in the culture of the chapter and steps that could be made to do so, the retreat convened.

2009 Homecoming Schedule

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Please consider this schedule of times to be tentative. We will have a much more accurate schedule of events for this weekend going out at the beginning of next semester.

Friday, October 23rd

- All Day** —Open House
- 4:00 p.m.** — Yard Display Presentation
- 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** — Missouri S&T Silver and Gold Banquet
(at Havener Center in the St.Pat’s Ballroom)
- 7:00 p.m.** — Social Time at the Chapter house

Saturday, October 24th

- All Day** — Open House
- 8:00 a.m.** — Educational Foundation Meeting
(at Chapter house in the conference room)
- 9:00 a.m.** — Alumni Association Meeting
(at Chapter house in Wolf Hall)
- 10:00 a.m.** — House Corporation Meeting)
(at Chapter house in the conference room)
- 11:00 a.m.** — Wolf Award Presentation
(at Chapter house in Wolf Hall)
- 12:00 p.m.** — Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.** — Missouri S&T Homecoming Football Game
(Homecoming King and Queen announced at halftime)

Sunday, October 25th

- All Day** — Open House

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 activites to be published in the next Kapers.

☐ I am interested in receiving the Kapers digitally

History Book

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

- ☐ I have already received my copy
- ☐ Please send me a copy

Homecoming 2009

Alpha Kappa will be holding a lunch during Homecoming 2009. Please let the Chapter know if you plan to attend.

- ☐ I will be attending Homecoming 2009
- ☐ I may be attending Homecoming 2009
- ☐ I will not be attending Homecoming 2009

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...Excellence is a habit