

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

OMEGA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Kentucky

The 13th annual Bryan S. Clark Memorial Golf Scramble was once again a huge success with 80 Pikes in attendance. The alumni, both in attendance and not, showed their support by paying their alumni dues. The winning team included John Keller '89, Dawson Updike '89, Darin Holland '88 and Trigg Mitchell '92. The festivities continued with dinner and drinks at The World Famous Two Keys Tavern where the brothers enjoyed catching up with everyone and even making new friends between the different age groups. A big thank you goes out to John Franklin '99, manager of Two Keys Tavern, and Alex Donoghue '98 for sponsoring the dinner. The tournament could not have been such a success without all of the hard work by previous alumni association leaders, and the work of Larry Gatti '93, Sean Crittendon '93, Jason Rahmel '02 and Will Gaunt '01. All alumni are encouraged to update their contact information with Jason Rahmel at rahmelj1313@yahoo.com. Watch for information on the upcoming fall outing.

ALPHA GAMMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Louisiana State

The Alpha Gamma Alumni Association would like to congratulate the Alpha Gamma active chapter for receiving the Level III recruitment award for having an increase in annual initiations of greater than 50% for the 2007-2008 school year. We encourage all alumni to attend the LSU Homecoming activities at the chapter house on September 27, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Join the alumni group for their annual tailgate party and enjoy jambalaya, baked beans, salad, refreshment and live music. The association is looking for alumni volunteers to be alumni big brothers for the fall 2008 pledge class. For information about serving as a big brother, contact Scott Hammatt '98 at Scott.Hammatt@ge.com. Alumni association membership questions should be directed to Brian Stacy '96 at brianstacy@bellsouth.net, and if you are not receiving the alumni association emails, please contact Chris Adams '91 at Chris.Adams@lpl.com so he can add you to the distribution list.

ALPHA ZETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Arkansas

The Alpha Zeta Alumni Association has been reorganized and reenergized, and encourages all alumni to stay in touch and participate in the association activities. Information on upcoming events may be found on the new website at www.hogpikealumni.com. Mark your calendars now to attend the Great Alpha Zeta Reunion of 2008. Actually, there will be three reunion events in Washington County the weekend of October 3 - 5, which is the Arkansas-Florida football game weekend. The pre-1966 guys and their guests will gather on Friday, October 3, for golf and a reception dinner at Springdale Country Club. The 1966-69 alumni will meet at the Hog Haus on Dickson Street on October 3, while the post 1970 group will be gathering at the Inn at Carnal Hall, also on October 3. Three great reunions on the same day! If you plan to attend and do not already have room reservations and/or football



XI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION South Carolina - Xi alumni gathered in Charleston on July 14, 2008, for an evening of recounting stories at Shem Creek in Mount Pleasant.

tickets, immediate action is necessary. Visit the website and click on the reunion08 tab from the home page for details on the events. In addition to the Friday evening events, plan on joining your alumni brothers at the Pike house for a game day brunch on Saturday, October 4. The time for the game day brunch will be posted on the website as soon as it is available. If you don't want to go to the game, or can't get tickets, there will be a "watch party" with a large screen TV at the Springdale Country Club. For those without internet access, the brothers to contact for reunion 08 information are: pre-1966, Bill Brady '60 at 501-312-9027; 1966-69, Brant Croxdale '68 at 479-841-6262 and post 1970, David Love '73 at 847-540-9860.

The Monticello Corporation, the body that controls the operation of the chapter house, along with a committee of interested and concerned alumni, have been appointed to develop reasonable and achievable recommendation for the most cost-effective ways to approach the issue of upgrading the chapter house. They are reviewing options for the chapter house which range from moderate remodeling to extensive remodeling to rebuilding or replacing the chapter house. All of these options will be carefully considered and thoroughly weighed, with information being shared with alumni as it becomes available.

ALPHA KAPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Missouri Science and Technology

The alumni association continues to see increased alumni participation in their social and networking events and have seen added enthusiasm from alumni. The association, along with the Alpha Kappa Housing Corporation, sponsored a graduation luncheon for the May 2008 Alpha Kappa graduates. There were over 100 friends and family in attendance for the fifteen graduates, and the food and drinks provided allowed the families a place to relax after the graduation ceremony. This is a way for the alumni association and housing corporation to congratulate the new graduates and thank them for their hard work as Pi Kappa Alpha active members.

Also in May, the association held the annual alumni golf scramble which attracted 27 Pike golfers. Prizes were awarded for the longest

drive, closest to the pin and best score. The association is looking forward to hosting the 2009 spring golf scramble. In addition to this event, the association has plans for a winery tour, attending a minor league baseball game and trivia night. For more information on these upcoming events, contact Chad Raley '01 at CRaley1@hotmail.com.

ALPHA NU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Missouri

Construction is underway thanks to the more than 235 Alpha Nu alumni and undergraduates who have committed more than \$650,000 to The Centennial Campaign for Alpha Nu: Building for the Future. The long-awaited renovation project, which will gut the second and third floors of the house and transform the chapter into state-of-the-art student housing, is well on its way of reaching its goal of \$1 million. With a campaign

board of more than 20 dedicated alumni and more than 50 class leaders, Alpha Nu has seen strong volunteer participation.



Architectural rendering of the rear of Alpha Nu's new house.

But they still need more alumni support to quickly raise the remaining \$350,000 to ensure the project is completed as envisioned. We also look forward to showcasing the project's progress in 2009, when Alpha Nu will celebrate its 100 years at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Look for more details about the celebration coming soon! For information regarding the campaign, please contact campaign coordinator Robert Hankins at rhankins@penningtonco.com or 785-843-1661.

ALPHA RHO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Ohio State

The Alpha Rho Alumni Association recently assisted the active chapter in identifying, selecting and installing a new chapter advisor. The group is now seeking interested volunteers to participate on an Alumni Advisory Board. The board strives toward a goal of ensuring common mistakes are not repeated, resources are adequately utilized, and proven methods are not forgotten through regular communication and interaction with the active brothers they advise. Central Ohio area Pike alumni who are interested in volunteering for the Alumni Advisory Board should contact Justin Jackson '02 at justinryanjackson@yahoo.com for more information.

The annual golf outing was held in May 2008 at Blackhawk Golf Club in Galena, Ohio. Despite a near rain-out, twenty brothers and guests attended the scramble to support the active chapter at Ohio State. Alumni, mark your calendar for the Ohio State Homecoming Barbeque with the active chapter prior to the

8:00 p.m. game on October 25, 2008. For details on events or volunteer opportunities within the Alpha Rho Alumni Association, please contact Justin Jackson or check the alumni pages at <http://www.osupikes.org>.

BETA GAMMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Kansas

The 11th annual Beta Gamma Alumni Association golf tournament will be held Friday, October 10, 2008, at Sycamore Ridge Golf Course in Kansas City. The tournament will be a four man scramble with lunch being provided prior to the 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Tournament fees are set at \$80 per player. The tournament will be followed by a short meeting regarding chapter housing options. The chapter will host a tailgate party the following day, October 11, 2008, prior to the KU – Colorado football game in Lawrence, as they will for most of the Jayhawks' home football games. You may visit the chapter website at www.betagammapiques.com for tailgate information. You may contact Rod Eisenhauer '89 at rod.eisenhauer@pcg.com or 913-314-1196 for more information on alumni association events.

BETA PHI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Purdue

The second annual Old Master's program was held at the chapter house on March 1, 2008. This new program is designed to bring distinguished Beta Phi alumni back to campus to meet with the undergraduates and to provide insight into the secrets of their success. This year the group included Brian Doolittle '67, Steve Mathy '79 and Russ Strobach '82. These gentlemen, selected by members of the Home Association and Foundation Board, arrived on Saturday morning and joined the undergraduates in a formal brunch. After recognizing the honored alums, everyone adjourned to the living room for breakout sessions. In a small group format, each speaker discussed the paths of their careers, the tools they used to find success and how their experience as a member of PKA influenced their journey. This program will not only strengthen the bond between alumni and students, but will also give back to the Fraternity by providing insight and assistance to the young brothers who are preparing for their own careers. The campus functions were funded by the Beta Phi Foundation, but the speakers provided their own transportation to Purdue.

GAMMA BETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Nebraska

The Gamma Beta Alumni Association held a successful golf tournament in August 2008 at Miracle Hill Golf Course. In addition to the annual golf tournament, the Gamma Beta Alumni Association hosted a fall alumni weekend which included a tailgate party prior to a football game. The association appreciates the involvement of those who attended these events, and encourages all alumni to attend future association events. Mark your calendars now for the April 2009 ten year anniversary of the Gamma Beta Chapter. For information on upcoming events, contact Kevin Klein '99 at pkklein@cox.net.

GAMMA ETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Southern California

The Gamma Eta Alumni Association was rechartered with special assistance from Chapter Advisor Chris Shea '93. In April 2008,

ALPHA OMICRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Southwestern

The Alpha Omicron Alumni Association enjoyed a wine and cheese party at the Houston home of Anita and Bill Smith '70 in June 2008, in part to celebrate the success of the 100 100 Club, which to date has raised over \$13,500 for alumni, active and rush events. The goal of the 100 100 Club is to obtain contributions from at least 100 men of \$100 or more, and the AOAA is well on its way to meeting that goal.

For Southwestern University's Homecoming in the fall, the alumni association has reserved the banquet room at the Wildfire restaurant, 812 South Austin Avenue, Georgetown, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. on November 7, 2008, for alumni, actives and their guests. The following day, November 8, the AOAA will hold their annual officer elections at 1:30 p.m. at the chapter house on Southwestern's campus, followed by an open house at 3:00 p.m. All alumni and guests are cordially invited to attend. Additional information may be obtained from association president, Dustin James '78, at dustinexan@gmail.com or 832-265-4347.



The AOAA celebrated the success of the 100 100 Club at a wine and cheese party in the Houston home of Anita and Bill Smith '70 on June 21, 2008. L-R: Jessica West, Josh Spencer '08, Bill Smith, Dustin James '78, Ricky Post '08, Mark Danheim '78, Beth Danheim, Alex Pacelli '07.

the association held its first Alumni Night at a restaurant in Beverly Hills. The active chapter distributes a monthly newsletter designed to keep alumni involved with chapter activities and to encourage their continued support of the chapter.

GAMMA XI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Washington State

The 21st annual Gamma Xi Alumni Association golf tournament was held on June 21, 2008, at Willows Run Golf Course in Redmond, Washington. Sixty-four golfers competed in the event representing four decades of Gamma Xi alumni. The foursome of Tony Shupert '89, Nelson Fraley '89, Angel Sullivan '89 and Charlie Galante '90 won the best ball competition, and the foursome of Chris Smith '98, Jake Baker '98, Kurt Pepin '96 and Ben Miller '96 won the scramble competition.

Over 30 alumni teamed up with the undergraduates for the 5th annual Gamma Xi Work Weekend in August 2008. Several major improvement projects were completed, including re-surfacing the basketball court, remodeling the alumni and computer rooms and landscaping.

Please join alumni, undergraduates, Memorial Headquarters staff, Washington State University faculty and members of the Lighty family on the morning of September 27, 2008 (Homecoming) at the chapter house in Pullman for the dedication of the Alumni Room in honor of Brother Phillip Malcolm Lighty '38, who passed away in January 2008. For more details on this dedication, visit www.wazzupikes.com.



DELTA BETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Bowling Green State



The alumni and undergraduates of Delta Beta have an action-packed weekend in store for the 2008 BGSU Falcon Homecoming. On Friday evening, October 3, don't miss the truck entered in the Falcom Homecoming parade, which is quickly becoming a BGSU tradition. Following the parade, meet at the on-campus Pike house where everyone will then head out to Myles Pizza, a BG favorite hot spot. On Saturday morning, October 4, the annual alumni association and undergraduate executive committee meeting will take place at the chapter house at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Legends of Delta Beta update and memorial at 11:00 a.m. The tailgate party will be from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Doyt Perry Field, and then the BGSU Falcons take on Eastern Michigan at 4:00 p.m. On Saturday evening, the undergraduates have a fun-filled night planned including a brotherhood. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Knights Inn (formerly Days Inn), 1550 E. Wooster Street, for \$79.95 per night. You may make your reservations by calling 419-352-5211. Information on the Homecoming events, as well

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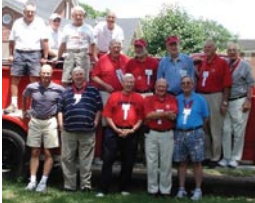
**GAMMA OMICRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Ohio University**

The Gamma Omicron alumni were joined by their wives at the Founder's Day reunion that was held at the Vermillion cottage of Barbara and Bob Scott '51. The group enjoyed a welcome party, area sightseeing and a presentation by Dr. John Fakan '54, who was instrumental in recently locating the submarine USS Grunion that was lost in the Aleutians during WWII.

The alumni association will hold the 23rd annual fall reunion October 10-12, 2008. A block of rooms are available in the name of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the Holiday Inn Express, 555 E. State Street in Athens, with a rate of \$90 per night which includes a breakfast buffet. For reservations, contact the hotel at 740-592-4640. Activities will begin Friday evening, October 10, with a welcome party at the home of Cathy and Art Marinelli '61. There will be a program for the wives on Saturday morning while the brothers are meeting.

as other upcoming association events, may be found at www.bgpikes.com, or you may reach Steve Daley '86 at sdaley@columbus.rr.com or 614-746-9637.

**DELTA GAMMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Miami University**



Miami University Alumni Weekend, June 12-15, 2008, saw alumni and wives visiting the Pike house and gathering for a photo. The house,

normally closed for the summer, was opened by the Dodd Hall Trustees so that brothers and their wives could stay in the house. No chaperones were needed!

**EPSILON OMEGAALUMNI ASSOCIATION
East Central**

The second annual alumni reunion was held on August 2, 2008, with many alumni turning out to see one another, including approximately 25 former SMCs. Brothers from the 1960s-2004 were in attendance, and the group had a charter signing ceremony for the newly formed Epsilon Omega Alumni Association. During the evening the association accepted contributions to the ECU Foundation to go towards the James R. "Doc" Harris Scholarship at ECU. As an added attraction to the evening, Chuck Allan Floyd '92, played an acoustic set during the party. Information on upcoming alumni association events may be found at ECUPIKES@gmail.com.

In response to the information that was sent out prior to the reunion, Robert Zink '89 received

this letter:

*Brother,
My name is Raymond E. Hopkins. I was initiated into the great brotherhood of Pi Kappa Alpha in the fall of 2006 with the pledge class Gamma Delta. I am inactive at this point due to my current deployment to Iraq with the Oklahoma Army National Guard. I will be unable to make the reunion due to the same reason. The enclosed \$500 donation to the scholarship fund is just my way of giving back to this great fraternity for the things it has given me. I was only able to spend a year as an active member, but in that year I made some friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime, learned a thing or two about life in general and had a few drinks and good times along the way.
I may never return to an active status with the fraternity, but I will always be here for it*

*and my brothers, as it and the brothers in it have been there for me. I hope the donation can be put to good use.
In the Bonds,
Spc. Hopkins, Raymond E. - RHhappy@yahoo.com*

**ZETA RHO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
North Dakota**

Please join the alumni association and the active chapter in continuing the celebration of the chapter's 40th anniversary at the University of North Dakota on October 17-19. There will be several events hosted by the active chapter for the alumni, family and friends of Pi Kappa Alpha. Please help make this a celebration to remember, honoring the dedication and brotherhood that makes this chapter what it is today: a lifetime and tradition of Pi Kappa Alpha. For further information about this or other events, visit the website at www.zetarho.net, or email zpaa@zetarho.net, or contact chapter SMC Benny Holcomb '06 at HockFan86@gmail.com or 651-249-4338.

**ZETA CHI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Missouri State**

The annual alumni association meeting will be held in Springfield, Missouri, on October 10-12, 2008, which is Homecoming weekend at MSU. Reservations need to be made immediately as this will be a busy weekend for area hotels. They suggest calling University Plaza Hotel at 417-864-7333 to check availability. The weekend will include a Friday evening reception, Saturday morning meeting, and tailgate party at Bearfest Village in the Zeta Chi tent prior to the 1:30 p.m. kickoff, followed by a social time Saturday evening. Invitations will be sent out, and further information may be found at www.zetachipikes.com.

com, or by calling Jim Roebuck '81 at 417-882-3266. All alumni are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

**ETA OMICRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Louisiana-Monroe**

The Eta Omicron Alumni Association, along with the Eta Omicron Chapter, will be celebrating Homecoming weekend October 17-19, 2008, as the Warhawks take on North Texas.

The 2008-2009 annual donation request drive kicked off on August 1, 2008, with a



The winning team of Daniel Crosser '02 and Jon Duff '02 edged out Dr. Mike Shell '80 and son, Matt '06, by one stroke, the last stroke, to take this year's alumni championship

goal of raising \$20,000 this year in support of the Eta Omicron chapter. Founders Day 2008 was a fantastic weekend with Dr. Mike Shell '80 receiving the Alumnus of the Year award. Many alumni were there to celebrate their 15th and 25th anniversary as brothers. For more information on the alumni association, contact Tommy Walpole at hopike@bellsouth.net or 318-343-7789.

**ETA SIGMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
West Georgia**



On May 24, 2008, the Eta Sigma Alumni Association and the undergraduate chapter hosted their most successful golf tournament to date. It was held at the Orchard Hills Golf Club in Newnan, Georgia. Over 60 alumni participated in the event, with the team of AJ Hocutt '01, Chad Carter '96, Luke Carter '01 and Brad Pollard '96 winning with a score of 13 under. A special thanks to all the alumni who attended this Memorial Day weekend event, as well as the alumni who sponsored holes.

The next ESAA event will be the Homecoming reception on October 18, 2008 at the Pike house in Carrollton. Details for the Homecoming reception, as well as information about the alumni association, can be found at <http://etasigmaalumni.googlepages.com>, or by contacting association president Jay Sjöholm '96 at jaysjoholm@gmail.com.

**ETA TAU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Austin Peay State**

The Eta Tau Alumni Association will be sponsoring a Homecoming Bash for Austin Peay State University Pikes at The Front Page Deli in Clarksville, Tennessee. The Deli, which is

owned and operated by brother Brad Greenfield '99 and his wife, Angela, will be the site of this year's festivities on Friday, October 24, 2008, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided. A block party will also be going on at that time in downtown Clarksville on Franklin Street. Later that evening, the alumni will make their annual stroll to APSU Pike house for more festivities and to begin the annual hog roast. All brothers are encouraged to RSVP and update their contact information with Luke Yaeger '99 at luke.yaeger@evansvillecommercebanc.com.

THETA ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION North Alabama

The Theta Alpha Alumni Association had a tremendously successful spring with a number of exciting events taking place. The association's annual spring meeting was held during the weekend of April 18 - 19, 2008, at the fabulous Shoals Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Eighty-five alumnus members attended the event which included a social on Friday night and the annual business meeting on Saturday afternoon at the chapter house where new officers were elected for the 2008-2009 year. The association honored chapter founder Paul E. Jones, III (Alabama, Gamma Alpha '52) with a leadership award named in his honor that will be presented to the most enthusiastic and zealous alumnus member of the association. Dr. Phillip Langsdon '74, was the first recipient of the award and immediate past association president Mark Holmes '77, was also recognized for his contributions of serving as the first president of the Theta Alpha Alumni Association. After the meeting, a fish fry was held at beautiful McGarland Park on the Tennessee River for alumni, actives and UNA faculty. The association has also been very active in assisting the undergraduate chapter with rush by helping to sponsor rush functions throughout the summer. Association vice president Stan Brown '79 was recently approved as chapter advisor for Theta Alpha and is looking forward to an exciting upcoming year.

The association has their fall event scheduled for homecoming weekend of October 24-25, 2008. More information can be obtained by emailing association president Colin Pharr '97 at colinpharr@hotmail.com, or secretary Ian Sanford '74 at itsinala@yahoo.com. For more information on membership in the Theta Alpha Alumni Association please contact Ian Sanford, or mail your \$50.00 dues to his attention at Theta Alpha Alumni Association, 804 Riverbluff Drive, Sheffield, Alabama, 35660.

THETA GAMMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Georgia College

The annual alumni association tailgate party in Athens, Georgia, will be prior to the UGA - Tennessee game. More detailed information will be sent out by email very soon. The 2009 Alumni Weekend will be April 17 - 19 at Hilton Head, South Carolina, at the Hilton Oceanfront Resort. To make reservations you may contact them at www.hiltonoceanfrontresort.com, or 843-842-8000. For further information on the Theta Gamma Alumni Association, or to be added to the email list, contact Terry Richardson '98 at terryleerichardson3@yahoo.com, or Jeff Patterson '90 at midstatepools@alltel.net.

THETA MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Massachusetts

Over 70 UMass Pike alumni from 1978-1994



ETA OMEGA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION North Carolina-Pembroke

The Eta Omega Alumni Association held its 35th annual Beach Weekend gathering at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in April 2008. Thirty-three brothers attended along with 48 family members and friends. Business items included the potential re-colonization of the chapter at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke, which has been silent since 1986. Initial plans were also made for the second annual UNC-P Homecoming gala being held on campus before the October 18, 2008 UNC-P football game, at which time the Eta Omega Alumni Association will be defending its Spirit Award title from Homecoming 2007. Contact association president Howard Hughes '78 at bigdaddy@sc.rr.com for further information.

and guests attended the Alumni Association Gala and Academic Awards Dinner at Lucia's in Boston's North End. Two deserving undergraduates, Derek Kannah '08 and David Waterman '08, were each awarded a \$500 scholarship at the dinner. Co-chairs Dana Cohen '77 and Ron Grasso '89 elaborated on the association's goals, which include updating the database, increasing Facebook registrations which provides a valuable link to undergraduates, and organizing yearly alumni events. There are also plans for an alumni resource network which will help undergraduates with internships and jobs and provide resources for alumni networking.

The strength and effectiveness of the alumni association is closely tied to the number of alumni registered on the UMass Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni Association on Facebook. If you haven't registered yet, please visit <https://register.facebook.com>, load your head shot photo and complete a brief profile. Next, select groups: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2843913292>.

Future alumni association events include the October 18, 2008 UMass Homecoming in Amherst, the January 31, 2009 Winter Reunion in Amherst and the May 9, 2009 Spring Gala in Boston. For more information on these upcoming events, contact communications chair Tim Vartanian '78 at twv22@comcast.net.

THETA UPSILON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Tennessee Tech

The Theta Upsilon alumni will celebrate the November 8, 2008 Homecoming by attending the parade at 10:00 a.m., followed by an alumni luncheon at noon at the home of Beth and Byron Billingsley '97.

The 2009 Fireman's Ball will be held on November 8, 2008, at The Venue Banquet Hall in Cookeville. The evening will include an alumni reception beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by

dinner at 7:00. Watch for more information in the fall newsletter, or contact association president Byron Billingsley at Byron.Billingsley@sanofi-aventis.com, or 615-519-1486.

IOTA CHI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Connecticut

The alumni association has several events planned for the upcoming academic year. Mark your calendars to attend Homecoming weekend October 25 - 26, 2008. Look for the Pike flag at the tailgate party prior to the UConn - Cincinnati game on October 25, and join us on Sunday, October 26, for the annual alumni vs. undergrad softball game. The Iota Chi Chapter's 15th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Ceremony will be held in March 2009. More details on the events surrounding this celebration may be found at www.ctpikes.com.

The following alumni were recognized at the annual alumni awards:
2007 Alumni Athlete of the Year Award - Brendan Thomas '01
2007 Alumni Innovations Award - Chris Acuna '01
2007 Most Valuable Alumni Award - Colin Thomas '97
2007 Alumni of the Year Award - William Russell, III '94

KAPPA ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Illinois State

All Kappa Alpha alumni should provide the association a quick update to be included in the upcoming issue of *The Advancement*, the association's annual newsletter. Married, children, job advancement, or just to say hello, your Kappa Alpha brothers want to know what you are up to. The next newsletter will be sent out in early September, so take a minute to provide your update at www.ISUPIKE.com.

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The association's annual fundraising campaign, Strengthen the Bonds 2008, is off to a great start. If you would like to learn more about this campaign, which supports the association's general operations and the Strengthen the Bonds House Fund, visit the website listed above and click on the Make a Donation tab.

ATLANTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Atlanta Alumni Association held their annual alumni reception at the Capital City Club in Buckhead, and seventeen brothers representing nine different chapters were in attendance, along with seven guests. Alumni brothers young and old enjoyed everyone's stories from the different chapters. The next alumni event will be the auction held in the fall – date to be determined. All brothers are encouraged to donate an item for the auction, and to attend the auction, which will help support an undergraduate scholarship. For more information on the auction, as well as other association events, contact Jim Mastrom '74 at jpmrs55@earthlink.net.

BIG SKY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Gamma Kappa Chapter (Montana State)

Plans are coming together for Gamma Kappa's 80th anniversary celebration, which will coincide with Montana State's Homecoming planned for October 11, 2008. Activities will kick off on Thursday, October 9, with a golf tournament at Bridger Creek Golf Course. The annual meeting of the Big Sky Alumni Association is planned for October 10. Saturday, October 11, promises to be very memorable with the Homecoming parade, pre-game tailgate, football game against Weber State and the 80th anniversary banquet to be held at the Holiday Inn. Keep checking www.msupikes.com for more details and registration information.

GARNET & GOLD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Kappa Lambda (Western Illinois)

The alumni association has been working hard to organize the chapter newsletter with articles on chapter history, alumni members and chapter activities. Several brothers contributed articles to make it a great read. The first issue went in the mail in August, and it was also posted online.

Features of the www.kappalambda.com website have fallen into neglect in recent years, but now Joe Johnson '97 and Eric Wells '96 are reworking the website to include an online networking system for all chapter brothers to benefit from. Once this feature is up and running you will be notified, and there will be a form available for you to update your personal information.

Mark your calendars for the Western Illinois Homecoming on October 18, 2008. As always there will be tailgating in the pit, then back to the house. Food will be provided at the tailgate, but please bring your own beverages. Visit www.kappalambda.com for more information on alumni association events.

NASHVILLE AREA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In their third year since chartering, the Nashville Area Alumni Association has had two successful events in 2008 and have two more planned before the end of the year. The association continues to grow and continues to reach out to the many Pike alumni that live in the area from many, many chapters. They have defined the Nashville area as Davidson and the contiguous counties, and actively solicit alumni who live in the area. They warmly welcome all alumni in the area, even those who live outside of the defined area, as they come together to celebrate and support our great Fraternity. An email will be sent out notifying all of the upcoming events. If you are interested in joining the group or want information about the association, contact treasurer Shane Bailey (Western Kentucky, Zeta Epsilon '91) at psbailey@comcast.net or 615-428-2161, or association president David Graham (Tennessee-Martin, Epsilon Sigma '69) at gruder@comcast.net or 615-297-3858.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Over the last year, alumni in Maryland, Virginia and DC area have been gathering monthly to visit over dinner and network with one another. It was suggested since the group had grown to over 60 on the mailing list, and upwards of 30 at each monthly dinner, that the local area alumni association recharter with the PKA International Headquarters.

They are happy to report that the National Capital Area Alumni Association (NCAAA) has been rechartered and they welcome all alumni in the area to join the association at one of its upcoming events. The official kickoff event will be a dinner and short business meeting held the evening of September 20, 2008. More information about this dinner will be mailed to alumni in the area who have their contact information updated with the International Headquarters.

For those looking for something a little more informal, the next monthly dinner event will be held on October 23, 2008, at Tortilla Coast with drinks from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. If you can't be there for the entire event, stop by for any part of it to re-connect with your brothers.

For more information on the association, visit www.ncaapikes.com, or contact association president Tony Meyer (Utah, Alpha Tau '99) at meyer01@gmail.com. For information on upcoming events, contact the event coordinator Jason Atkins (Utah, Alpha Tau '99) at jasonsatkin@gmail.com.

NORTH CAROLINA-WILMINGTON AREA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Pi Kappa Alpha will be expanding to the University of North Carolina-Wilmington in the fall 2008 semester. Since there has never been a chapter, they are attempting to form a Wilmington Area Alumni Association for any Pikes who currently live in the Wilmington area. Please contact Scott Hammatt (LSU, Alpha Gamma '98) at Scott.Hammatt@ge.com if you currently reside in the area and are interested in joining the new alumni association.

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA PIKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The group had a successful first year as an official alumni association. At the annual board meeting in mid-May, they reviewed what was accomplished this past year and what they are working on for the future. One of the staples of the organization is the evening networking functions that take place every four or five weeks. The events are rotated between Ft. Lauderdale, Boca Raton and West Palm. Turnout has been excellent relative to the number of people they have on their distribution list, and they encourage all area Pikes to join them for the next event. In September, the association is planning a large barbeque for all Pikes, family, friends and kids. To assist with the programming and services the association provides, they are asking for each member to donate \$50 to the alumni association fund. For more information on the association membership, or to inquire about upcoming events, contact Marty Busekrus (Southern Illinois, Iota Mu '96) at Marty.Busekrus@gmail.com.

TOLEDO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Homecoming at the University of Toledo will be held on October 4, 2008, where the Rockets will take on Ball State at 7:00 p.m. in the Glass Bowl. Details for pre-game activities will be in the fall edition of the Pikes Peak, or you may contact Tom Dunifon '68 at tdunifon@toast.net for more information.

New Alumni Associations

Pi Kappa Alpha is proud to welcome the following new alumni associations:

Beta Xi Alumni Association

University of Wisconsin
Robert Wargolet
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Epsilon Omega Alumni Association

East Central University
Robert Zink
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Gamma Eta Alumni Association

University of Southern California
Chris Shea
christopher.shea@alumni.usc.edu

National Capital Alumni Association

Washington D.C. Area Alumni
Tony Meyer
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Check the Pike website at www.pikes.org for an alumni association near you!

For more information, contact Director of Development George C. Miller at gmliller@pikes.org