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ONCE A PIKE, ALWAYS A PIKE

- Sixth Annual Pike Golf Outing Saturday, June 13, and Seventh Annual Pike Reunion the weekend of October 23
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When each of us pledged Pi Kappa Alpha at Purdue, we were told to remember the slogan “Once a Pike, Always a Pike.” As we left Purdue and the Chapter House to start a career, get married, and raise a family, we became focused on many things. Over the years a phone call or a visit from a Pike brother we had not be in contact with for some time will come out of the blue. In most cases, it is just like picking up where we had left off years ago. The bonds of brotherhood remain strong, even if we only make contact from time to time. When this connection takes place it reinforces “Once a Pike, Always a Pike.”

As we kick off a new year, I would like this to be our theme for 2009. The Beta Phi Foundation offers a variety of events to bring our alumni together, renew old friendships, visit the Chapter House, and catch up with each other. This year we are pleased to host the Sixth Annual Pike Golf Outing on Saturday, June 13, at the Purdue Kampen course and the Seventh Annual Pike Reunion the weekend of October 23, when Purdue plays Illinois. We are also excited that we will be able to open the front doors during home football games, allowing alumni to greet brothers at the Chapter House. The Chapter will provide coffee and pastries in the foyer during these games.

In April we will celebrate the beginning of our 87th year as a Pike chapter at Purdue. We are proud of our 1,700 Beta Phi alumni. Your support allows the foundation to publish the *Candlelight* newsletters, keep our alumni database current, fund leadership training for the Chapter officers, host alumni events, and host our own Web site. Last year the foundation provided \$27,000 to remodel two library rooms on the main floor used for undergraduate studying. These funds came from generous contributions from our alumni.

For the past 17 years your foundation has been the strong financial base that keeps Beta Phi one of the top fraternities on the Purdue campus. You are part of this success and collectively share our strong history. Please let me or any of the dedicated foundation directors know if there are other ways we could serve our Beta Phi alumni.

We encourage you to attend our alumni events. And remember, “Once a Pike, Always a Pike.”

In the bonds of $\phi\phi\kappa\alpha$,

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SAVE THE DATE



SIXTH ANNUAL PIKE GOLF OUTING
Saturday, June 13 at Purdue Kampen Course
More information to follow on www.pikapurdue.org

SEVENTH ANNUAL PIKE REUNION
October 23-25
Purdue vs. Illinois

BETA PHI RECEIVES NEW PIN LIGHT

On January 11 the Chapter was presented with a new pin light. The old light dates back to our location at 149 Andrew Place and was fabricated in the 1940s or perhaps earlier. It will be preserved as a historic memento and displayed in one of the trophy cases at the house.

The beautiful new light has been made to resemble the old one but with several improvements, including a solid metal backing instead of wood. It is exceptionally sturdy and should last several lifetimes. It was designed and fabricated by the Tarpennin-LaFollette Company of Indianapolis and presented by foundation board member **Rex Martin '72** during the formal breakfast for the Old Masters program. With our great location on campus, the new pin light mounted on the front of the house will prominently promote the vitality and longevity of our brotherhood.

The donor is a Pike alumnus who wishes to remain anonymous. We are grateful for his generosity and wish to thank him for his dedication to the



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SIXTH ANNUAL PIKE REUNION HELD AT DAUCH ALUMNI CENTER

The Sixth Annual Pike Reunion was held the weekend of October 3-5, and it was one of the best ever! **Kirk Cerny, Beta Gamma '89**, foundation board member and chief executive officer of the Purdue Alumni Association, arranged for our Friday evening dinner to be held at the Dauch Alumni Center. For those who have not visited the alumni center, be sure to do so during your next visit to Purdue. The Center is a beautiful facility with impressive displays of Purdue history and memorabilia.

On Saturday morning alumni, spouses, and friends gathered at the Chapter House to catch up, participate in the annual alumni songfest (magnificent, as usual), tour the recently completed first floor improvements, and partake of a great brunch hosted by the undergraduate Chapter. **Rich Russell '58** presented the foundation endowed scholarships to former SMC **Aaron Smith '09** and to the outgoing Chapter President **Evan Schmitt '09**. The afternoon football game was a bummer, but the evening social time and banquet at the Lafayette Country Club was outstanding. The class of 1958 was honored at the banquet.

The alumni would like to thank **Charles Stargel '09**, the undergraduate alumni chairman. Charles did a great job coordinating the Pike Reunions the last three years.

The 2008 Pike Reunion was a super affair. You missed a good time if you were not in attendance, but you have another opportunity. The 2009 Pike Reunion will be the weekend of October 23.

We hope you enjoy these photos. Please visit our Web site, www.pikapurdue.org, to see more photos and find details about the 2009 Pike Reunion.



ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT INCREASES AT BETA PHI

• Chapter hosts meeting with Assistant Dean of Students; Pike now allowed to unlock

front doors during football Saturdays

• Beta Phi hosts Third Annual Pike Old Masters weekend honoring **Bob Browning '85**,

FRONT DOORS UNLOCKED

Fall 2008 was one of the best semesters the Chapter has had in recent memory. **Evan Schmitt '09** closed out his presidency following **Aaron Smith '09**—two of the finest presidents and young men I have had the pleasure of working with. As his term came to an end, Evan, newly elected President **Kyle Russell '10**, and I hosted Assistant Dean of Students Kyle Pendleton for dinner. We discussed many issues and concerns and have a good understanding of what Purdue is looking for from the Pikes. We all came out of the meeting energized. Over the last 10 years, Purdue has frowned upon the Chapter hosting any activities in front of the Chapter House. Many of you have lodged complaints that the front door stays closed and locked on football Saturdays. As of now the University is relaxing its requirements. We will now be able to open the front door and entertain our alumni and guests on the front patio. With the new Purdue Arch and Neil Armstrong building right outside our front door, we hope many of you will come back and spend time with us.

OLD MASTERS WEEKEND

Beta Phi just completed the Third Annual Pike Old Masters weekend. The purpose of this program is to foster networking between undergraduates and alumni in hopes of providing mentoring or employment opportunities. Former old masters include **Kirk Dauksavage '86**, **Mike Kristakis '86**, **Chuck Rice '87**, **Jay Swob '77**, **Brian Doolittle '70**, **Steve Mathy '81**, and **Russ Strobach '84**. This year's old masters were **Bob Browning '85**, **Chris Inglot '82**, **Rex Martin '72**, and **Greg Rogers '84**. The event was a great success, and Rex Martin presented the Chapter House with a brand new pin light! This was made possible by a generous donation from an anonymous alumnus. It is outstanding; please stop by the Chapter House to see it the next time you are in town. Please contact me if you are interested in

participating in Pike Old Masters in the future. The next event will be in December 2009. This is a great new tradition that we will continue for many years to follow.

GRAND PRIX

Grand Prix 2009 is just around the corner. After finishing 11th last year and having the number one rookie in the field, we look forward to regaining the dominance enjoyed in the mid-'80s. **Doug Wright '86** has generously donated a great deal of time to develop the program. We plan to race two cars this year. The Chapter invites all alumni to join the undergraduates at the Grand Prix. Beta Phi will host a cookout the day of the race on the

front patio. Dates and times will come out soon; visit our Web site, www.pikapurdue.org, for more details.

ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Finally, we are looking for a group of alumni to become advisors. We would like to assign advisors to various committees and Chapter activities. We hope to assign alumni to the types of activities they are most interested in and to develop continuity by using alumni as sounding boards for the Chapter as they turn over occupancy every two to three years. The advisory committee would report directly to me. The vast majority of what you will be needed for could be accomplished either over the phone or electronically, so living far away does not have to be a deterrent. Please contact me if you are interested. In today's world the most valuable commodity is time, and we need alumni to donate just a little bit.

Sincerely in φκκλ,

Joe Conti '85

NEW CHAPTER PRESIDENT SETS GOALS

- Collegians plan for new recruitment effort
- Beta Phi applies for national awards and hopes to win this spring
- Undergraduates thankful for new library and reading room made possible by alumni donations

I am excited and honored to be the new president of the Beta Phi Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. Our Fraternity is moving in a great direction, and I am in a position to help continue that success after all of the work the past two presidents have done for our Chapter.

This spring we are working hard to strengthen the Chapter. We hope to have a very promising recruitment this spring to build on our successful recruitment numbers from last fall, when we finished with 26 new initiates. We are excited with this new recruitment effort and can't wait to see the results.



The undergraduates are using the new library and reading room frequently, and they have already been a great selling point for people interested in joining our Chapter.

Our Chapter has not received a national award, such as a Smythe, for quite sometime, and it is one of the Chapter's goals to win a national award this semester. We all look forward to applying for year-end awards, and we received promising news from our Chapter consultant that several are within reach.

As for the new additions to our Chapter House, we love the new library and reading room. They are great study areas, and they are used frequently. New cabinets were also installed, and we are trying to figure out what to do with the new space. We would like to thank all of the alumni, the Beta Phi Foundation, and the Home Association for your hard work in completing these renovations. They will surely add to the value of the house and have already been a great selling point for people interested in joining our Chapter.

I look forward to a great year serving the Pikes, and I am excited to get the ball rolling. I know many challenges will emerge while I am president, but the education and experience that I have already gained through this Fraternity will prove to be very valuable.



Beta Phi renovated the library and reading room at the Chapter House thanks to donations from loyal Pike alumni.

Thank you for the opportunity to address all of you with this message, and please feel free to contact me with any questions that you have for us here at Beta Phi.

In the bonds,

Kyle Russell '10

Chapter President

NEW MEMBERS IMPRESS AND LEAD RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

I am greatly encouraged in regard to what I have witnessed from the newest members at Beta Phi. This class has excelled in a challenging time when new programming was implemented to focus intently on their academic achievement and campus-wide involvement. Through their hard work, these young men have proven their dedication to the future success of the Chapter and its return to the top echelon at Purdue. They are now expected to lead the way with recruitment efforts as a new recruiting season is upon us. It is my hope that you can find encouragement in this news and are proud to see that your legacy of Beta Phi lives on.



The new members met alumni at the Pike Reunion and have impressed their fellow brothers with their dedication to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Aaron Smith '09
Pledge Educator

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Jon Box
Indianapolis, Ind.

Joseph Schraffenberger
Floyd Knobs, Ind.

Nick Burchard
Vernon Hills, Ill.

Daniel Scott
Tell City, Ind.

Samuel Creech
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Hai Min Yie
Shanghai, China

DEDICATED ALUMNUS SERVES BETA PHI

Spotlight on Thomas L. Maddox '71



Thomas L. Maddox '71 joined Pi Kappa Alpha because he felt strongly that it was the right place for him to be and the Chapter had a lot to offer in its location and in its Brothers. The relationships Tom built while there were, and are still, very rewarding. "I still keep in touch with several of the guys in my class, such as **Ken Eldridge '71**, and prior to my class, such as **Ralph Neri '57** and my big brother, **Jim Little '69**. There was always a very good bonding of the brothers in the Chapter."

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Some of Tom's favorite Beta Phi memories are of the numerous week night, weekend, and extended road trips he took with several brothers. "On one of the longer trips out west, **Bill Stanton '71** and I drove Volkswagen Beetle (without AC) to the Dakotas, Yellowstone, and to see the Redwoods in northern California, and back to Lafayette over a two-week period of time." Tom fondly remembers harassing Bill because he forgot to put film in the camera during a portion of the trip. The Beta Phi's also traveled to Florida for spring break, visited other chapters in the Big 10 (including the pledge walkout to Ohio State), and took short weekend ski trips to Michigan with Phi Mu members. While Tom enjoyed traveling with his brothers, he also has many good memories of simply spending time with them in the Chapter House, serving as social chairman, attending parties, and even going to class.

As a student, Tom worked for the local Schlitz distributor and was in charge of an old converted milk truck that contained chilled kegs on the inside and taps on the outside. He regularly drove the truck to popular party spots such as Mulberry and the Wildcat Creek Conservation Clubs.

While at Purdue, Tom earned a bachelor's degree in industrial management. He is the president and founder of T. L. Maddox Companies, www.tlmcos.com, a manufacturers representative specializing in the selling of industrial, mechanical, capital equipment, and systems since 1975.

In his free time, Tom enjoys doing yard work and volunteering on the Beta Phi Home Association, where he has proudly served since the mid-seventies under **Ed Neuffer '59**, **Jim Barr '66**, **Dick Russell '88**, **Lou Quinto '82**, **Joe Conti '85**, and presently **Bob Nice '82**. He says the Chapter's successes and failures over the years are all about leadership, or lack thereof, of the brothers. Tom is very happy that he has had the opportunity to continue to interact with the active Chapter. "It's important for all alumni to come back to the house as often as possible to visit with their brothers and to meet the new ones."

BETA PHI BROTHERHOOD AND TRUE PIKE CHALLENGE MOTIVATE COLLEGIAN TO SERVE PI KAPPA ALPHA

Spotlight on Aaron Smith '09

When **Aaron Smith '09** first came to Purdue, he was excited and anxious like many freshmen. "I was searching for a place to fit in. I wanted to spread my wings a bit and try new things. I knew some older brothers in the Chapter who recruited me to play quarterback on the Pike A team. That opened the door to a whole new world of involvement within the Chapter."

Pike has played an important role during an impressionable time in Aaron's life. "The great friendships that I have made and the lessons that I have learned will stay with me for the rest of my life. It also has been a time of great growth—emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually. I learned, sometimes the hard way, how to balance many commitments and events in my life. Through my time here, I rediscovered Christian principles and values from early on in my life that the Fraternity was originally founded on, as well."

In addition to his experiences in the Chapter, Aaron had the opportunity to participate in the True Pike Challenge, a seven-day primitive survival course in the wilderness of



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southern Utah with 19 other Pikes from around the country. "The True Pike Challenge really was quite a blessing to be a part of. We were thrown into a more-or-less primitive living style: no tents, no modern conveniences (matches, toilet paper, etc.), and most importantly, nothing to entertain us except the companionship of our fellow Pikes. We survived out in the wild with the encouragement from one another. Throughout the course of the week, we discovered the bonding values that hold us together as brothers in phi phi kappa alpha. We considered it a right of passage into our next level of commitment as True Pikes."

The brothers of Beta Phi and the experiences in the True Pike Challenge made such an impact on Aaron that he plans to work for the International Fraternity as a chapter consultant after graduation. "I've learned that our alumni are an undervalued and underappreciated resource. I saw firsthand the knowledge and insights alumni can share with the undergraduates. My experience truly would not have been the same without such dedicated alumni. I look forward to my future as a Beta Phi alumnus and giving

ALUMNI NEWS

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Jerome L. Ciral '40 entered Chapter Eternal on June 3, 2008. He was a resident of Sherman Oaks, Calif., at the time of his death.

Roger G. Kline '52 entered Chapter Eternal on October 30, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Joan. He was a resident of Middlebury, Vt.

Bruce B. Robertson '57 passed away on October 23, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee; his five children: Thomas, Roy, Laura, Preston, and Dawn; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren with another on the way; and three great-great-grandchildren; beloved sisters-in-law Anita Van Den Elsen and Regina Knight; numerous nieces and nephews; and a few beloved Robertson cousins.

Thomas R. Zabel '65 entered Chapter Eternal on July 6, 2008.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Howard G. Hinshaw '62 lives in Sedalia, Colo., with his wife, Nancy. They have six children. Howard retired from Thermalloy Company as vice president of engineering in 2000.

Ronald J. Laub '65 is owner and president of RJL Global. He resides in Naperville, Ill. E-mail: rlaub1@sbcglobal.net

Dennis R. Jones '68 retired on September 10, 2008, and moved to Crossville, Tenn. He enjoys golfing and is able to golf on nine different golf courses in a 20-mile radius. E-mail: barbecue@aol.com

James D. Harkness '75 and his wife, Ruth, live in Odon, Ind., half of the year and Sebring, Fla., the rest of the year.

Timothy B. Groves '79 is executive vice president of sales and marketing for Extended Stay Hotels in Spartanburg, S.C. He lives in Simpsonville, S.C., with his wife, Lisa, and their two children, Alexandra and Cassandra. E-mail: ltgroves@charter.net

Douglas F. Baker '85 is a training manager at Allsteel in Musatine, Iowa. He has four children: Amber, Abby, Nick, and Hope. Doug resides in West Branch, Iowa. E-mail: djfbaker@msn.com

Michael B. Nichols '86 is a senior project engineer for Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, Ind. He lives in Mooresville, Ind.

THANK YOU, GENEROUS ALUMNI

Thank you to all alumni who gave to Beta Phi in 2008! Your contributions amounted to more than \$17,000 and are greatly appreciated. You allow us to provide an environment where our brothers gain valuable leadership skills, are prepared for a lifetime of community involvement, pursue excellence in their values and achievements, and develop a greater appreciation for diverse cultures, workplaces, and communities. Your gifts make it possible for Beta Phi to continue its tradition of excellence at Purdue.

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If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.*

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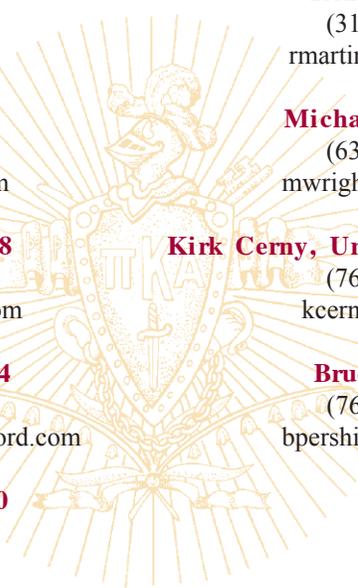
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