

CANDLELIGHT

Beta Phi Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha • Purdue University
Published by the Beta Phi Foundation



FALL 2010

ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT STRENGTHENS BETA PHI

The excitement is building in West Lafayette! As young men and women pour back into residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses, and a myriad of apartments, condos and houses, we are excited to see what the fall semester will bring for Beta Phi.

RECRUITMENT SUCCESS

Pi Kappa Alpha is making progress with another strong pledge class of deserving young men from across Indiana and beyond. Now that I am getting older, or as I say, "achieving my goal," it is great to see the sons of friends and associates join our brotherhood. There is one thing that has amazed me in my 45-year association with Beta Phi: no matter the age difference, our undergraduates and alumni have always worked well together.

ALUMNI DEDICATION

As you will read in the Home Association and Alumni Advisory Committee reports, we have made some momentous strides just in the last few months. But I won't steal their thunder by listing all of our progress here. Instead, I will simply state that much of our success would not be possible if it weren't for the continued and dedicated service of our alumni through ups and downs. Whether through volunteer or financial support, it never ceases to amaze me how brothers step up when Beta Phi really needs them. We must all remember that others paved the way for us to have our fond memories of Beta Phi, and we must always answer the call for future generations.

This is exactly what we wanted to see coming out of last spring's risk management issues: young men working hard to get Beta Phi in line with University expectations and returning to a shared sense of responsibility, brotherhood and purpose. I expect these standards will have a lasting effect on our Chapter, and I foresee a time when we can raise the standard again. And while we continue to make improvements to the Chapter House, our competition for students' housing is increasing in an ever-evolving housing market at Purdue.

PURDUE HOUSING COMPETITION

On campus, Greek organizations have been making improvements to their own chapter facilities. Several fraternities completely renovated their facilities, including Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi, FIJI, and Delta Chi. If you have visited campus recently, you may have noticed these impressive new houses. In addition, Purdue recently completed construction on a new dormitory which provides suites with living rooms, kitchenettes, and private bedrooms and bathrooms. The University is now building a second dormitory

that will provide similar accommodations. Off campus, students have numerous apartment complexes to choose from, many of which offer incentives such as TVs, plane tickets, and appliances to entice students to sign leases.

It is a great time to be Greek at Purdue. I hope all of you are able to get to West Lafayette soon to visit the campus and the Pike house. No more excuses. Join us as we move toward our goal of becoming the best fraternity at Purdue University. Boiler Up!

In the bonds of φφκκ,

Rich Russell '58

Beta Phi Foundation President

rich@richandphyllis.com

INSIDE:

BETA PHI FINISHES
THIRD IN
GRAND PRIX
3

ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
PROVIDES
MENTORING
3

IIKA GOLF
TOURNAMENT
4

ALUMNUS
SPOTLIGHT
5



The first floor living room was repainted and artwork, selected by Jim Thompson '57, was hung.

Home Association Makes Improvements to Facility to Meet Needs of Our Members

I am pleased to report to you that the Home Association was able to provide many substantial upgrades to our fraternity house this summer. The board worked diligently to plan not only for what was needed for our summer projects but also how to provide them in a cost-effective manner. Further, many were also selected based on the impact they would have on functionality for our members and for their visual impact upon the brothers and their guests.

Beginning with the exterior, the parking lot was sealed and striped. If you come to park for a fall football game, there will be no question as to whether you are double parking or

(Continued on page 2)

BETA PHI FINISHES THIRD IN GRAND PRIX UNDERGRADUATES SET ACADEMIC AND PHILANTHROPIC GOALS

The men of Pi Kappa Alpha anticipate a great year. With a new sense of focus the executive officers have set high expectations for the Chapter and are working hard to achieve them all.

Starting with academics, we finished the spring semester with an improved Chapter G.P.A. and climbed in the rankings of Purdue fraternities. We anticipate raising our G.P.A. again this semester and believe that the new study room renovations to the Chapter House will help provide a quiet area for us to study. We are also motivated even more now with the new Most Improved G.P.A. scholarship.

The Chapter has set goals of each member completing 25 hours of community service per semester and the Chapter donating a minimum of \$3,000 in charitable contributions in the community and campus. We also plan to bring back our own philanthropy with the Fireman's Challenge. We are collaborating with other Pike chapters around the country with similar philanthropic events to get their tips and assistance.

Last semester we finished second in campus athletics, and this year we

are pushing to continue our excellence on the athletic fields. We also plan to compete in the annual Grand Prix cart race. We had an extremely successful showing last year with two cars qualifying in the top six and one driver finishing third overall.

Thanks to all of our generous alumni for everything that you have done for Beta Phi and Pi Kappa Alpha. Since joining the Chapter, I have seen great strides in all areas, including housing, alumni involvement, and campus involvement. Without the support of our alumni none of this would be possible. I applaud all of you for living our ritual and continuing to hold our motto close to you. Once a Pike, Always a Pike. The men of Beta Phi Chapter welcome you back at any time to see the house and meet the undergraduates.

In the bonds of $\phi\phi\kappa\alpha$,
Derek Worsley '10
Chapter President
(765) 635-3887
dworsley@purdue.edu



The brothers' lounge received a facelift with fresh paint and new flooring, and the brothers are enjoying the recreational spaces and pool table.

not. Further, we installed a new Goalrilla basketball goal at the south end of the parking lot. Brad Riley, a Purdue alumnus and father of **Blane Riley '09**, is the owner of Recreation Unlimited, the manufacturer of these goals. Brad was very kind in making a significant financial accommodation to our fraternity so that we could have the very best in our backyard. I'm confident the brothers will enjoy this new goal for many years to come.

Although not yet installed, new caps for the front pillars have been ordered. As you can imagine, this requires a significant engineering effort. The pillar caps are being donated by Robert Pierson, father of **Brad Pierson '10**. Local oversight has been handled by

Home Association Makes Improvements

(Continued from front page)

board member **Greg Louis '85**. Installation will be provided by **Bill Kinder '95**, a Fort Wayne alumnus who recently joined the Alumni Advisory Committee.

Inside, nothing has been more popular than the remodeled study areas. These are in constant use, and we therefore decided to convert the mail room at the south end of the first floor into an additional six study spots. This required a complete demolition of that space and the installation of solid-surface countertops, ample electrical outlets, and new flooring.

We also repainted the first floor living room and recreational areas to the north of the foyer. To round out the fresh look, all composites were moved from the living room area. At my request, **Jim Thompson '57** (who previously selected all of the artwork for the study areas) identified appropriate artwork for installation in the living room. The result is fabulous and has been very well received by the actives, their families, and all of our guests. The five most recent composites will now hang along the walls of the south corridor on the first floor. If anyone has an interest in owning one of the older composites, please

let me know. It is our intention to have the composites scanned and placed on the Web site so they are available for everyone to view.

The brothers' lounge also received a facelift, with fresh paint and new, high-tech flooring that appears to be indestructible. Finally, in response to concerns from the brothers about security in the house, we have implemented a fob-style security system on the doors. No more key codes that are instantly known to all sororities on campus. To enter the house, you must either have a fob or be willing to knock on the door. We believe this will prevent unauthorized access by would-be vandals, as well as prevent open access to intoxicated individuals whose presence might compromise our social status at Purdue.

Please stop by and see the house you are in West Lafayette. I always appreciate any feedback from alumni and hope to see all of you during the alumni reunion weekend at Purdue on November 6.

In the bonds of $\phi\phi\kappa\alpha$,
Bob Nice '82
President, Pi Kappa Alpha Home Association Inc.
rjnice@nice-law.com



Pikes Kyle Russell '10, David Ferry '11, Joe Kohnert '12, David Yates '10, J. J. Hodoval '12, Matt Has '11, and Tony Guggina '10 celebrate winning the Intramural Basketball Championship at Mackey Arena.



Aaron Smith '09, Pranav Bhimalli '10, Derek Worsley '11, and Joel Osborne '12 represented Beta Phi at the 2010 International Pi Kappa Alpha Convention in Austin, Texas.

THANK YOU, GENEROUS ALUMNI

Thank you to all alumni who gave to Beta Phi in spring 2010! Your contributions amounted to more than \$6,000 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. These gifts make it possible for Beta Phi to continue its tradition of excellence at Purdue.

To see a complete list of donors, please visit the Beta Phi Web site at www.pikapurdue.org.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROVIDES MENTORING, GUIDANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO UNDERGRADUATES

Alumni Invited to Visit the House During Football Weekends

We have made tremendous strides in the last several years and, under the leadership of Home Association President **Bob Nice '82** we have undertaken the most aggressive summer I can remember with regard to the Chapter House. I ask that you come visit during football season and see the improvements that have been made.

The Alumni Advisory Committee is in place and ready to work with undergraduates. It has been a busy and eventful summer for me as Chapter advisor. We are implementing our strategic plan this semester to help inspire a positive and productive culture at 629 University. The only position that remains open is the alumni relations advisor. If anyone is interested please let me know. That position will have a great deal of communication with the undergraduates, Home Association, and the Beta Phi Foundation.



A group of us met in late July to make our plans for this year:

- August 24—Brother **Kirk Cerny, Beta Gamma '89**, foundation board member and executive director and CEO of the Purdue Alumni Association, had dinner with the members. Kirk spoke to the Chapter about what is expected of them from the Beta Phi alumni, how to have successful alumni relations, and how to make sure alumni feel welcome when returning to the Chapter House.
- August 25—Chapter President **Derek Worsley '10** and I met with Kyle Pendleton in the dean of students office. This meeting was to update Kyle on PKA's plans for the semester and get his input to help us get the semester started off in the right way.
- August 25—Off-site meeting with the Chapter's executive officers and seniors, with the following members of the advisory committee also in attendance: **Aaron Smith '09**, **Doug Wright '86**, **Isaac Dorau '09**, and I.

The executive officers and senior leadership brainstormed and strategized about how to get the Chapter energized for the upcoming school year.

- August 26—Derek attended an all-presidents meeting sponsored by the dean of students. This was the first time for such a meeting and provided the University the platform to clearly identify expectations and goals for the school year.

The executive board is selecting a committee chairman and members for the fall semester, and each committee will have an assigned alumni advisor. It is the joint responsibility of the advisor and the undergraduate committee to communicate openly and develop a relationship. Since the alumni advisors will not change, every committee chairman should feel as though they have a big brother to go to with questions, issues, and concerns. The advisor provides the Chapter with continuity each year.

I am truly looking forward to this school year with all the alumni involvement we have. Chapter projects, activities, and philanthropy will all see a great deal more attention. Upcoming events to plan for are:

- Pike Alumni Weekend – November 5-7
- Pike Old Masters – in December 11-12.

If you are interested in being one of our Pike Old Masters, please let me know.

I keep saying that if you have not been back for awhile, you have missed a great deal. Make it a point to come back to the house for a football or basketball game.

Sincerely in $\phi\kappa\alpha$,
Joe Conti '85, Chapter Advisor
(812) 204-3623
jconti@landstar.com



Joe Conti '85 presents the winning prize to Russ Strobach '84, Greg Rogers '84, David Yates '10, and Brian Espey '10.



Left to right: Gary Cochard '85, Greg Rogers '84, Mike Kristakis '86, Russ Strobach '84, Joe Conti '85, and Mike Drury '86 enjoy getting together during the dinner at the Chapter House.

Alumni and Undergraduates Enjoy Camaraderie at ΠKA Golf Tournament

Consider Organizing a Pledge Class Reunion for Next Year

We were treated this year to fantastic weather and a strong turnout for our ΠKA golf outing on June 19. We were pleased to have 48 golfers, 22 undergraduates and 26 alumni, and 56 joined us for the cookout and evening festivities.

Gary Cochard '85 graciously agreed to take photographs, which you can find below; thanks, Gary! **Greg Louis '85** once again did an outstanding job of organizing our event, and we got our first shotgun start! In the future we will have shotgun starts, which make the day progress more smoothly. This will allow us to add in some contests for next year, such as a putting contest.

Next year we plan to host the golf outing on either June 11 or 18. We try to stick to the same time frame every year to allow alumni to plan ahead, and we hope that 2011 will be our best year yet.

2011 will also be the 30th anniversary for my pledge class. **Greg Rogers '84** and **Russ Strobach '84** are trying to get the entire class to come back for next year's event. If you would like to coordinate a reunion for your pledge class, please contact me and I can provide you with contact information for your brothers.

One other surprise we got was that while we were all at the house during dinner, Brother **Mike Drury '86** dropped in. Mike had not been back in 20 years and was working on a project in Indianapolis. It was his intent to just drive by the house, but he found us all there. It's always great to see guys come back for the first time. I hope you will consider doing the same during a football weekend this fall or for the golf outing next June.

Greg Louis has set up a Purdue Pike Golf Facebook page for us to use in the future. He has included pictures from this year and previous years. It will be a great way to stay in contact with everyone, as well as to make sure we are getting all the information about next year. Make plans to join us.

Sincerely in φφκκ,

Joe Conti '85

(812) 204-3623

jconti@landstar.com



Left to right: Bob Nice '82, Joe Conti '85, and Greg Louis '85 out on the course—great weather, great times, and great friends!

ALUMNUS REFLECTS ON PIKE FOUNDATION

Spotlight on “Dabo” Dabosinkas ’59

Passion for excellence in every circumstance drives “Dabo” Dabosinkas ’59 in his work, volunteerism, and relationships. With a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and time spent in the Air Force, Dabo worked his way up in business, serving for 30 years as the CEO of several companies.

Throughout his career, Dabo chose to lead others by his own actions. He set relationships with employees and customers as a top priority and still tries to treat each challenge as an opportunity. His disciplined style of planning allows for a balance among the various spheres of life. Besides spending time with his wife, Gina, six children, and nine grandchildren, Dabo consults businesses and non-profits with the approach of giving each business a physical.

“It is important in business to plan in advance, when you have the leisure to do so. Businesses should plan to grow when markets are good and plan to right size when things are bad. These things must be done, but never at the expense of compromising one’s morals. There must be passion in a company and a desire to improve oneself through increases in skills and knowledge.”

“My fraternity experience was a positive influence and contributed to how I conduct myself in family, business, community, and church responsibilities.”

Part of this foundation was built during Dabo’s time within Pi Kappa Alpha. “When I look back on life, I see that my fraternity experience was a positive influence and contributed to how I conduct myself in family, business, community, and church responsibilities. The leadership positions I held gave me experience in responsibility and relating to other people.”

The Chapter was also the place where Dabo expanded his horizons and found lifelong friendships. Pi Kappa Alpha offered relationships with guys of similar backgrounds who desired similar results out of their college experience. Reflecting on his own experience, Dabo sees the same opportunity for young men in the Chapter today.

“I support and appreciate the work done to advance the Chapter by so many alumni, particularly my old roommate, Rich Russell ’58. Their work ensures alumni support so that, through time, Pike is available for others to benefit from as they attend Purdue.”

Dabo can be reached at daboda@gmail.com.

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Daniel J. Dunbar ’48 entered Chapter Eternal on April 5, 2010. He was a resident of Amado, Ariz., and is survived by his wife, Elaine.

Warren P. Thayer Jr. ’54 entered Chapter Eternal on November 8, 2009 at his home in Indianapolis. He was born on July 22, 1926, in Indianapolis to the late Warren P. Thayer Sr. and Evah (Roher) Thayer. His first marriage was to Isabelle Gilbert of Plymouth, Ind., for 25 years; he then married Kathy Kroll of West Lafayette. He lived in Lafayette for most of his life, moving to Indianapolis six years ago. He graduated from Shortridge High School, where he was a member of the ROTC, and graduated from Purdue University in chemical engineering. Following graduation, he worked at the former Brown Rubber in Lafayette. He then founded Perry Chemical, now Perry Foam Products. He was a former member of Central Presbyterian Church and most recently attended Faith Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, formerly a member of the Lafayette Country Club, and served in the Navy during WWII. Surviving Warren are his children: Warren III, John, Joanna, and Rebecca.

J. David Girard ’74 entered Chapter Eternal on March 17, 2010. He served in the military for 30 years and later worked as a physician’s assistant in Postville, Iowa. David was an avid motorcyclist and served as a motorcycle safety instructor. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Joan, and his daughter, Stephanie.

Keith E. Zayac ’82 entered Chapter Eternal on September 29, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Sheryl, and their children, Ariana and Logan.

ALUMNI NEWS

Hank Amt ’41 was president of Beta Phi in 1940 and vice president in 1939. He and his wife, Janet, reside in Franklin, Ind.

Kenneth W. Buxton ’49 was treasurer of Beta Phi in 1947-48. He and his wife, Kathryn, have five children and reside in Williamsburg, Va.

Alfred G. Beier ’53 is a retired chief engineer of brakes and wheels for Navistar. Since retirement, Alfred has been called in as an expert witness on brake cases. He has received numerous awards from the Society of Automotive Engineers, an NHTSA award

from Elizabeth Dole in 1986 and Joan Claybrook in 1980. Alfred has two sons, Steve and Eric, and resides in Fort Myers, Fla.

Robert L. Rain ’55 and his wife, Mary Louise, split their time between Lincolnshire, Ill., and Palm Desert, Calif. They have two children, Steven and Susan. E-mail: rrain@att.net

Geoffrey C. Boling ’70 is enjoying retirement and visiting his grandchildren, friends, and family. He and his wife, Phyllis, live in Troy, Mich., and have four children: Susan, Allison, Rebecca, and Clay. E-mail: gcboling13@gmail.com

Dennis E. Dreyer ’71 retired from General Motors Corp. in 2004 and moved with his wife, Jane, to the shores of Lake Michigan. They have three children: Jay, Julie, and Paula. E-mail: dennis.dreyer@gmail.com

Alvin G. Rohrer ’72 is a semi retired process consultant for Invista, where he works on licensing technology in China. He and his wife, Marcia, have two children, Lee Ann and Max. They reside in Houston, Texas. E-mail: mrohrer4@sbcglobal.net

(Continued on back page)

SAVE THE DATE

EIGHTH ANNUAL PURDUE PIKE REUNION NOVEMBER 5-7

Activities include Friday evening
hospitality and dinner and a
Saturday alumni sing-a-long,
lunch, and football game.

Visit www.pikapurdue.org for more
information and to register.

Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your referrals.
If you would like to recommend
someone for membership, please
contact Recruitment Chairman
Hai Min Yie '12 at (765) 427-2039
or hyie@purdue.edu.

ALUMNI NEWS

(Continued from page 5)

Gregory L. Delaney '73 is vice president of Eberly and Associates Inc. He and his wife, Jan, have two children, John and Ellen, and reside in Tucker, Ga. E-mail: gldelaney@aol.com

David J. Johnson '74 has worked for ExxonMobil for 36 years and is now the manager of safety, health and environment for the Alaska Pipeline Project. He and his wife, Debbie, have six children and five grandchildren. He resides in Katy, Texas. E-mail: djohnson72@comcast.net

Michael D. Wright '85 is a partner at Kirland and Ellis LLP. He has three children: Andrew, Carter, and Megan, and resides in Naperville, Ill. E-mail: mdwright1985@gmail.com

Kevin L. Cooney, Esq. '92 is an attorney with Frost Brown Todo LLC in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife, Marianne, have four children: Joseph, Jack, Erin, and Emma. E-mail: coondogesq@gmail.com

CANDLELIGHT



Beta Phi Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 2853

West Lafayette, IN 47996-2853

Address Service Requested

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LAWRENCE, KS
PERMIT #570

ATTENTION:

*This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents.
If your Pi Kappa Alpha son is still attending Purdue University, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House.
If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.*

Beta Phi Home Association

President

Bob Nice '81
(317) 269-3500

rjnice@nice-law.com

Chapter Advisor

Joe Conti '85

Members

Jim Thompson '57
Ken Ewing '62
Tom Maddox '71
Chris Roark '01
Jesse Cross '02
Matt Newton '02
Justin Hurley '05
Ryan Raber '05

WEB SITE

Visit the Purdue Pike Web site for news
about the Chapter, fellow alumni,
and upcoming events!

www.pikapurdue.org



Alumni Advisory Committee

Chapter House Executives
and Committee Chairman

Joe Conti '85

Scholarship

Russ Strobach '84

Alumni Relations

Charles Stargell '09

Fundraising and
Philanthropy

Greg Rogers '84
Bob Browning '85

Treasurers

Bruce Pershing
Ryan Raber '05

Grand Prix
Doug Wright '86

Recruitment
Tom Beno '08

Pledge Education
Aaron Smith '09