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BETA PHI ENCOURAGES ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

It seems that the years are rolling by faster and faster, but we somehow continue to keep pace. Last year at this time, we were getting ready to unveil our newly remodeled and updated Chapter House at 629 University. All of that was made possible by the generosity of our alumni and undergraduate members. If you have not made it back to the house in the last year, please try to schedule a football weekend this fall. You will like what you see.

As pledges were being sent in over the last five years, the Beta Phi Foundation purposefully had forgone any additional requests for donations. We fully understand the times we are in and the burden placed on anyone making a contribution to the capital campaign.

The Foundation continues to oversee any charitable contributions and the administration of scholarships for our Chapter. We organize events such as our upcoming Homecoming weekend, the Old Masters program, Grand Prix, and the annual Golf Outing. We publish the *Candlelight* and send out newsletters to keep you informed. The in-house tutoring program is still being funded. Once again, a large portion of that is available through generous donations from alumni. Consequently, the Chapter GPA continues to climb in both percentage and rank on campus. The Foundation formally meets four times per year—in person twice a year and via conference call twice to help reduce travel and expenses.

We are also able to look to the future. Initiatives are starting to unify the home associations of the four chapters on our block. With Purdue continuing to expand and gobble up property, the best way for our little corner of campus to stay intact is for our block to remain strong. We have developed a sub-committee for long-range planning to make sure we stay out in front of the changing times and circumstances.

As you can clearly see, the Beta Phi Foundation incurs yearly expenses just to perform our responsibilities to the Chapter and alumni. So now, for the first time in several years, you



CONTINUED SUPPORT MEANS A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR PIKE AT PURDUE

will be hearing from us again asking for annual contributions to support the operating expenses of the Foundation. We will not ask for a specific amount but ask that our alumni do what they can to help us remain financially strong and able to continue to support the Chapter in any way needed.

Please consider this yearly donation knowing that everything we do is with an eye on the future of Beta Phi. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the November 7 Homecoming game and reunion.

In the bonds of φκκλ,
Joe Conti '85

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PIKE CONTINUES UPWARD MOMENTUM

Academics and Recruitment on the Rise for Beta Phi



Beta Phi's first recruitment event this summer had more than 140 potential new members in attendance. It was an outstanding way for us to start the semester.

The year is starting off well for Beta Phi. We overcame a few small obstacles with the Chapter House to start the year, but the brothers have pushed through.

Recruitment on the Rise

Our recruitment committee set a goal of 40 scholars, leaders, athletes, and gentleman to be part of the fall 2015 class, which would far exceed our overall membership goal as a Chapter.

Pike Makes Huge Academic Strides

Academics increased for the third semester in a row. We had more members on the Dean's List and academic excellence then we have had in the last 10 years. Congratulations, brothers, on this achievement!

Focus on Fall Philanthropy

We have set a goal to raise a minimum of \$5,000 this fall at our Pike Fireman's Challenge. This year for the challenge, we sent out letters to local companies in the greater Lafayette area asking for a \$500 donation in return for their logo featured on the back of our t-shirts. Hopefully with enough money we'll give each contestant from the sororities a free t-shirt, which would not only benefit the companies, but allow us to promote Pike on campus.

Beta Phi looks forward to another great semester and all that it has to offer. If you're on campus this fall, please stop by the house. We love to connect with our alumni!

In the bonds of φφκκ,

Nathan DeVillez '17

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Max Moffat '17, Erik Salata '17, and Austin Fisher '17 participated in Zeta Tau Alpha's Big Man on Campus, which raised \$124,568 for breast cancer research.



Jack Boes '16, Matt Wilson '18, and Austin Fisher '17 interned with GE Aviation this summer and took the day off to volunteer at Stepping Stones Summer Camp.



Beta Phi won the spring intramural dodgeball championship, defeating former champions, Sigma Chi.

NEW BETA PHI ALUMNI ROOM

As part of the complete Chapter House renovation, a new self-contained alumni room was incorporated. The location was the old study room/library, which was located at the northwest corner of the living room. During the remodeling, the wall separating the room and the closet was removed, the two old entrances off the pool room were closed, and a new door opening was incorporated off the living room. A new built-in custom case was incorporated on the east and north walls which will now display old trophies and historic memorabilia that was moved from the old alumni room. New carpet and special lighting were installed and new furniture added to highlight the built-in cases and special wall plaques. Old *Candlelights* and scrapbooks now have a permanent home in cabinets in this room as well.

The new alumni room is not a study room. It is secured and only to be used for alumni, parents, Chapter officer meetings, or meetings with other fraternity or sorority chairpersons. There are several rooms off the front foyer that are study rooms for the undergraduates to use.

Since this room is secure, we ask that Beta Phi alumni consider donating old memorabilia to be displayed in this room. If you are interested, please contact Chapter Historian **Rex Martin '72** at rexmartinpiano@gmail.com or (317) 445-5077.

This room will be open for alumni at all home football games and other events this fall.

At the 2014 Chapter House rededication, the new alumni room was named the Richard and Phyllis Russell Alumni Room in honor of Brother Russell's 50 years of service and dedication to the Chapter.

THANK YOU, ANNUAL DONORS

With the first full year post-capital campaign under our belt, a number of alumni have stepped up to invest in Beta Phi's annual campaign once again. Thank you to the 26 donors who committed more than \$3,400 so far in 2015. Your gifts help support our undergraduates' scholarship and recruitment activities, as well as our alumni communications.

Lessons Learned at Pike University

At the end of July, I accompanied two of my brothers, **Greg Dyer '15** and **Isaac Peebles '18**, to Memphis, Tennessee, to attend the Pike Academy. This was Isaac's first PikeU event, and he was incredibly impressed and excited by his experience. Isaac attended the Emerging Leaders workshops and lessons, and came away with a brand new fire and drive to begin making an impact on the Chapter.

Greg and I have both attended numerous PikeU events, and attended this Academy for the Motivating the Middle workshops, which focused on getting the whole Chapter motivated going into the school year. We have already utilized those lessons in the opening weeks of the year and fully intend to keep the level of motivation at a high for the remainder of the year.

Pike University is an incredible program, and we are incredibly lucky and blessed that we are a part of a great fraternity that offers such a great program. The curriculum covers everything from leadership and developing your chapter academics to utilizing your alumni advisors and carrying out a successful philanthropy event. Everything a young man needs to know to grow and become a True Pike, he can learn at PikeU. The importance of consistent attendance at PikeU cannot be understated, as the motivation and education provided is what pushes our chapter to new heights, and shows our new members what we as Pikes can become and strive to be.

Nathan DeVillez '17
Chapter President



President Nathan DeVillez '17 and Isaac Peebles '18 at PikeU this August.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Chapter Eternal

William A. Haney '48 entered Chapter Eternal on January 11 at age 90. He retired from St. John's Business Machine after 35 years, where he served as an accountant. Bill was a member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church and served in the United States Army during World War II.

William K. Cramer '52 entered Chapter Eternal on January 31. A loving husband of 61 years, he will be deeply missed by his wife, Barbara, five sons, and two daughters. He worked in the computer systems industry and later in the petroleum industry for worldwide markets. He retired to The Villages in Florida for 12 years, was an avid bridge player, and sometimes golfer. He returned to Dallas in 2010 to be near family.

Philip M. Goebel '63 entered Chapter Eternal on November 15, 2014, after suffering from Parkinson's disease for many years. A beloved San Anselmo, Calif., veterinarian and longtime

resident of Novato, Phil worked hard in all things: family, career, church service, civic opportunities, and hobbies. He was a good and faithful friend and will be missed by many.

Alumni News

Richard T. Sidwell '42 celebrated his 95th birthday at a reception hosted by his daughters, Diane and Jane, on April 18. Dick lives in Elyria, Ohio. E-mail: dick.sidwell@gmail.com

Glenn E. Omholt '50 and his wife, Jeanne, live in Oak Brook, Ill. He went on a veteran's honor flight on April 27 from Purdue Airport to Washington, D.C. E-mail: glenn_omholt@sbcglobal.net

Darrell M. Andersen '52 reports his grandson, Andrew, is a Welles Scholar at IU. Darrell and his wife, Audrey, live in Chapel Hill, N.C. E-mail: andersen1217@aol.com

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**JOIN BETA PHI FOR PURDUE'S
HOMECOMING AND THE
ANNUAL PIKE REUNION
NOVEMBER 7, 2015**

Be sure to join us for Homecoming festivities and the Annual Pike Reunion. It will be a great way to reconnect with your brothers, visit the house, and meet our newest members. Look for more information as the date draws closer. We hope to see you there!

ALUMNI UPDATE

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Thomas M. Lemons '56 is going strong in his lighting consulting. Thomas just had U.S. Patent 8998449 issued for LED sports lighting. He has been married 56 years to his wife, Priscilla, and they live in Brooksby Village, a retirement community in Peabody, Mass. He does not plan on retiring anytime soon because he is having too much fun! E-mail: tmlattla@aol.com

Jim M. Thompson '57 has three more books out. They are a three-book series in the fantasy/adventure genre. He and his wife, Janet, live in Carmel, Ind. E-mail: jthompson16@indy.rr.com

Charles L. Roeder '59 and his wife, Gail, have four children and live in Mequon, Wis. He and Gail enjoy spending summers at their lake house in Lake Winnebago, 65 miles north of Mequon. E-mail: chucklroeder@gmail.com

Charles D. Kent '60 has taken 12 European trips with his wife, Mary. They live in Missouri City, Texas, and enjoy traveling often. "The company we travel with doesn't advertise or go through travel agents. Call me for discount coupons." E-mail: charlie@tyroldata.com

Fredric C. Westendorf '60 was inducted into the Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for 20 years of service providing free tax preparation for taxpayers throughout the county. After 13 years as the Westchester AARP Foundation tax-aide district coordinator, he stepped down in 2011 to become the technical coordinator for the district's 100 volunteers. This includes supporting 20 sites at libraries and community centers with laptops, wireless routers, and networked printers. Fredric lives in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. E-mail: fwc@alum.mit.edu

Joseph P. Kish III '61 is enjoying retirement with his wife, Paula, in Georgetown, Texas. Joe keeps himself busy volunteering and playing golf. E-mail: j-kish@neiu.edu

Wendell L. Pieper '65 enjoys retired life and spends much of his time traveling. He was

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

TJ DellaVilla
Buffalo, N.Y.

Vaughan Hanson
Valparaiso, Ind.

Max Leiser
Glenview, Ill.

Ryan Morris
Joliet, Ill.

Nick Richter
Franklin, Tenn.

Andrew Fischer
Huntingburg, Ind.

Adam Kleaving
Tell City, Ind.

Jeremy Millerin
Plainfield, Ill.

Isaac Peebles
Wabash, Ind.

Alex Wade
Monticello, Ind.

recently remarried. Wendell and his new wife, Carol, hope to visit Purdue and the updated Chapter House soon. They live in Allen, Texas.

James W. Barr II '66 and his wife, Ellen, toured the West Coast in May. While there, they attended their youngest nephew's wedding in the L.A. area and visited brothers living in the San Francisco area. James and Ellen live in Fort Wayne, Ind. E-mail: barrjames@comcast.net

Joseph M. Barr '70 is retired and lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. E-mail: josephmbarr@gmail.com

Thomas D. Pogue '70 has retired but still works for Montgomery County, Md., doing community relations work on a contract basis. His focus is a new 10-corridor bus rapid transit proposal for the county. He and his wife, Lori, live in Potomac, Md.