

PIKE NU NEWS

PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY • GAMMA RHO CHAPTER • NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY • SPRING 2007

GPAA Events

First Friday Luncheons, a monthly gathering held every first Friday over lunch, was originally hosted by a group of distinguished alumni from the 1930s, 40s and 50s. This tradition is now being continued by the GPAA and is held monthly in the Chicago Area. It is a great time to meet fellow alumni and build and rebuild relationships.

Pike Poker Night is a great time for alumni and undergrads to socialize over cards. We host one poker night per Northwestern quarter.

Upcoming Events

First Friday Lunches – First Friday every month at noon. July's event will be held at Hackney's on Harms in Glenview.

The address is:

1241 Harms Rd.
Glenview, IL 60025

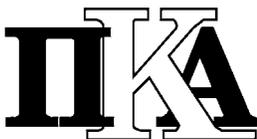
Founder's Day

March 1, 2008, 7p.m.
Location in Evanston TBD

Poker Night – Fall 2007.
Look for details to come.

Homecoming 2007 –
October 12-13, 2007.
Look for details to come.

For more information on upcoming alumni events, please visit www.nupikes.com (alumni tab) or contact **Andrew Welz** at ajwelz@yahoo.com.



Here Comes The House!

566 Lincoln Street is on track

After some delays in coordination with the City of Evanston and Northwestern University, Pike is ready to close the deal. The Gamma Rho Pikes proved their dedication by growing the chapter membership in size and quality, so The Gamma Rho Housing Corporation (GPHC) is moving forward with plans to provide them a house to call their own.

Already, workers removed the old asbestos roofing shingles and installed new shingles, removed interior asbestos and toxic mold, and prepared areas to replace interior systems. We are finalizing full renovation plans with Northwestern and the City of Evanston. Due to specific complex language in the existing 99-year ground lease dating back to 1937 between NU and GPHC, the financing for the plan was halted and the project temporarily stalled. The GPHC is working arduously on the lease issues with the University to better define the terms and conditions and clarify the landlord/tenant relationship.

A continuing challenge will be financing the complete project. To overcome this hurdle, the GPHC will obtain a commercial loan and is researching a capital fund raising campaign. Should the capital campaign effort move forward, all alumni will receive information on how to participate and support Gamma Rho.

Proactively, the GPHC added two new Gamma Rho alumni directors to its board. **Iano Monastero '85** and **Chris Coleman '86**, both of whom are real estate professionals, recently joined the board and have been a great asset.



Renovation of 566 Lincoln is on track, and the chapter is expected to move in within a year.



"The GPAA would like to thank Iano and Chris for volunteering their time to this worthwhile cause," commented **Bob Else '86**. "Additionally, the Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity's real estate advisors greatly assisted the GPHC throughout this entire process, and their support is deeply appreciated."

To stay updated on house efforts, check the website www.nupikes.com. If you want to volunteer your personal expertise (real estate, legal, financial, or other), please email Iano at smonastero@hotmail.com or Chris at chris@dbghomes.com.

Gamma Rho Chapter Update

Scholars, leaders, athletes, and gentlemen – these are the cornerstones of Pi Kappa Alpha at Northwestern University. The undergraduate chapter has been at the top of every aspect of campus life at NU. Over the past year they have been recognized for their achievements by the University, International Fraternity, and their peers in the InterFraternity Council. At the Pike International Conference in Orlando, the chapter was recognized with separate awards for scholarship, recruitment, and overall chapter excellence.

Scholars

Gamma Rho has been able to maintain the second-highest grade-point-average among the largest chapters on campus. Twenty members had grade-point-averages greater than 3.65. Many of the active members have been recognized and rewarded for their hard work in the classroom by receiving highly sought after internships in fields as diverse as automotive engineering, investment banking, and more. Some members will be participating in Chicago field studies gaining real-world experience working for firms in the Chicago area over the next quarter.

Leadership

The chapter has continued the tradition of recruiting the top men on campus. The chapter just initiated the 20 new members from the winter rush class, and has recruited 11 new members for the spring. Currently, the chapter is 101 members strong - the first time it has reached triple digits since recolonization.

On campus, Gamma Rho is involved in every Greek event and participates in many campus-wide events every year. Gamma Rho raised over \$3,500 for Relay-for-Life last May, and over \$4,000 for Dance Marathon in March. Brothers are involved in all levels of campus life from reporting for the Daily Northwestern to holding positions on the Dance Marathon and Institute for Student Business Education executive boards. Almost 100% of the membership is involved in a student organization or club sport outside of

Pike with many serving as officers of their respective club or organization.

Athletics

Gamma Rho continues to participate in every intramural event held throughout the year. The chapter is in a great position to regain the coveted "Team of the Year" award given to the best intramural team. With strong lineups for spring sports to look forward to, it should be another great year for Pike on the athletic field.

Gentlemen

Pikes are recognized as true gentlemen on campus and in the Evanston community. The chapter is socially involved with all sororities and many other campus organizations. Additionally, over the past quarter, Gamma Rho brothers have contributed over 1,000 hours of community service, setting a new record for the chapter's commitment to the community. With Relay for Life coming up, the chapter could potentially hit over 3,000 hours of community service for the year.

Pike had a Gone Greek Night to remember with Alpha Phi, and has played host to great socials with Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta,

and Delta Delta Delta, to name a few. In all situations, brothers conduct themselves with behavior appropriate for the best and classiest fraternity on campus.

2007-08 Chapter Officers

President Jonathan Nipper Libertyville, IL	Pledge Educator Elan Zamri Kfar Saba, Israel
Internal V.P. Benjamin Jakes Minneapolis, MN	Membership Educator Edward Monrad Seattle, WA
External V.P. Mark Englert Bartlett, IL	Recruitment Director Mac Lebuhn Arlington Heights, IL
Treasurer Mitchell Samson Stow, MA	Sergeant at Arms Kevin Kane Park Ridge, IL
Secretary Nicholas Rizzo LeRoy, NY	Risk Awareness Andrew Seward Tampa, FL



Homecoming 2006 took place over the weekend of October 21st. More than forty alumni and actives were on hand to celebrate Pike's success at NU. A social event was held on Friday night at Nevin's Pub in Evanston. Saturday consisted of a tailgate party at Ryan Field. Hours of fun, fellowship and celebration were had by all.

Pike Spotlight

Gamma Rho Alumni Association President **Drew Welz '03** sat down with President Emeritus **Bob Else '86** to talk about his experience with Pike and his hopes for the chapter's future.



Bob Else '86 is President Emeritus of Gamma Rho Alumni Association.

What are you doing now?

I have a little apartment building in Chicago that I call home and business.

How have you remained involved in Pike?

For years, my involvement was limited to helping **Rafi Wilkinson '87** with Homecoming festivities. About seven years back, I was asked to be an alumni advisor to the chapter. I have helped in many ways from teaching Pike songs, to sitting in on executive committee and chapter meetings, to assisting in initiations. I try to visit campus at least once a quarter. I also helped to create the Alumni Association in 2004 and have served as an officer ever since.

Who do you keep in touch with?

I live in Chicago, so I get to see many brothers when they come back for Homecoming and Founders' Day. The First Friday lunches and Pike Poker nights keep me in touch with **Iano Monastero '85, Chris Coleman '87, Bo Blackburn '86, John Jones '47, Chris Rones '46, Q. Brown '39, Fred Bauman '47, Dick Moenning '56, Drew Welz '03, Russ Riggins '03**, and many more. In addition to the above, I guess I keep in closest contact with **Scot Berkey '86, Mike Coop '87, Mark Paulus '87, and Joe Steinberg '87**.

How has Pike impacted your life?

I think the biggest impact Pike has had are the lasting friendships. Many of my best friends are also my brothers.

What is your favorite (non-incriminating) Pike memory?

Non-incriminating is hard. There are so many good memories; it's not easy picking one. I'll go with the formals we

used to have. They were always a lot of fun and a great chance to get away from campus. I remember a sunset cruise on Lake Michigan, dining and dancing on the ninety-fourth floor of the Hancock building with spectacular city views, and even dancing the night away in a Ferrari dealership surrounded by the cars just to name a few.

Why do you find it important to continue to support the Fraternity?

I had heard the phrase "Once a Pike, Always a Pike," as an undergrad, but it didn't mean much until I started donating my time. I've gotten feedback from undergrads and recent alumni that my contributions are really valuable to the chapter and many individuals. I think additional alumni participation and support will be crucial in getting the house back and

developing this chapter into one of the best in the country, hopefully even winning a Smythe award in a couple years.

What words of advice do you have for the current Pike undergraduate chapter?

Take your experience at Pike seriously. Everything you learn will benefit you in the future, from interview skills to office politics.

The Pike Spotlight is a new addition to the *Pike NU News*. In each newsletter, an alumnus will be highlighted for his contributions to Gamma Rho. If you have someone in mind that you would like to see in the Pike Spotlight, please e-mail **Drew Welz '03** at ajwelz@yahoo.com.

Letter from the GPAA President

Brothers:

This past year has been an important year for the Gamma Rho Alumni Association. First, we welcomed 22 new alumni to our ranks, the most since the chapter's recolonization. Second, we saw several faces for the first time in years at our Founders Day and Homecoming events, traditions we will continue over the coming years. We also had our first annual golf outing, which took place in June 2006. Finally, we were successful in our first Annual Fund Campaign, a vital project to keep our communication with each other regular and to support the programs we host, especially Founders Day and Homecoming.

I want to thank everyone who has supported both the alumni association and the undergraduate chapter over the years. Some choose to do this through volunteering their time to the chapter, the alumni association, or the Gamma Rho Housing Corporation. Others join us at our events, keeping our brotherhood strong. I truly appreciate the time everyone takes from their schedules to continue the tradition of $\phi\phi\kappa\alpha$. Hectic work schedules and busy personal lives are an understandable fact of life for all of us. While many have been unable to join us recently, I would like to encourage everyone to

join us in celebrating the rich history of Pi Kappa Alpha and Gamma Rho whenever possible.

Over the coming year, we are trying to develop new ways which would allow brothers without ready access to Evanston to stay connected. In addition to this annual newsletter, we would like to create a networking program. This would allow alumni to offer their professional experiences for the benefit of the undergraduate chapter and alumni. This can take the form of offering internship and job opportunities, discussing your career, coaching for interviews, reviewing resumes, or advising on graduate studies. Any of these roles can easily be done remotely, and I hope you will join me in this endeavor.

To remain in touch with your fellow brothers, keep up to date on events, or become more involved, please visit www.nupikes.com and go to the alumni section of the website. Feel free to contact me at (847) 651-7937 or email at ajwelz@yahoo.com. I expect to build upon our momentum and continue growing this coming year. I hope you can be a part of this.

Sincerely,
Andrew J. Welz

GPAA Treasury Update

Brothers Mine,

While the last academic year has been a good one for the chapter, and a good one for the GPAA, the treasury is still far from operating at a surplus. The AEC (GP Alumni Association Executive Council) strives to operate as a more established association, and with that comes a greater financial responsibility towards the chapter and alumni. The Association would like to subsidize programs for the chapter such as Pike University Chicago (the yearly regional conference, now under the Pike University label), the Pike International Convention or Officer's Leadership Academy (biennial, tandem), and the GPAA Spring Golf Outing.

The Association should also begin a savings program for furniture for the house, as well as a regular savings program for the Association of 10% of the operating budget. Currently, the Association owes Omega Financial approximately \$700, and due to a slight shortage in the 2006-2007 annual campaign, is at risk of losing their services.

All details of the proposed operating budget are listed. Please take a moment to review, and please also consider donating if you are able. Donations can be made using www.nupikes.com and can be made towards general collections, or for a specific line item of your choice – please specify for which when you donate.

In Phi Phi K A,
Russell Riggins '03

The GPAA Budget

Est. Income ('07)

Omega Financial Balance (as of APR 07)	\$ (676)
Membership Contributions - Pledged	\$ 850
Total:	\$ 174

Operating Budget ('07-08*)

Alumni Golf Outing	φφκκ	Spring 07	\$ 300
International Convention (or OLA)	φφκκ	Summer 07	\$ 1,000
Homecoming Reception		Fall 07	\$ 400
Homecoming Tailgate		Fall 07	\$ 500
Poker Night - Fall		Fall 07	\$ 50
Pike University - Chicago	φφκκ	Spring 08	\$ 500
Poker Night - Spring		Spring 08	\$ 50
MHQ Annual Dues		Spring 08	\$ 75
Founder's Day Reception		Spring 08	\$ 400
Alumni Golf Outing	φφκκ	Spring 08	\$ 300
MHQ Volunteer Forum ¹			\$ 700
GPAA Savings Program ²			\$ 1,000
566 Lincoln Furniture Fund ³			\$ 1,500
Omega Membership Dues ⁴			\$ 3,600

Operating Budget TOTAL: \$ 10,375

Estimated Income: \$ 174

Surplus (Deficit): \$ (10,201)

φφκκ - Funds are for the benefit of Active Members (Undergrads)

* May '07 through April '08

¹ Pike University's Volunteer Forum, every 2 years, for Chapter Advisor, HC Rep., GPAA Rep.

² GPAA Savings Program - 10% of Annual Operating Budget

³ A.K.A. the "House Fund" - for furniture (currently at \$0)

⁴ 12 Months of Dues - Omega also charges 3% processing fee for all donations



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Visit www.nupikes.com - the official Gamma Rho Chapter & Alumni website to:

- Learn more about the chapter
- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and e-mail address
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)
- Support the Gamma Rho Alumni Association

Left and below: Founder's Day 2007 was held at Nevin's Pub in Evanston, Illinois. Over 50 alumni and undergraduates were in attendance to celebrate the founding of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Rush Recommendations

Legacies, Neighbors, Son(s) – Do you know someone attending NU that you would like to recommend for Pike membership?

We are interested in meeting anyone who is recommended by a Gamma Rho alumnus. Please send recruitment recommendations to:

MacGregor Labuhn, Recruitment Director
Mac.lebuhn@gmail.com
 847-804-2246
 1838 Chicago Ave
 Evanston, IL 60201



2006-2007 Renewing the Bonds Campaign Raises Over \$4500, 2007-2008 Campaign Ready To Begin

Just over three percent of Gamma Rho's living alumni have stepped forward to support the fraternity, and the fraternity's goal to support the important leadership programs of Gamma Rho. Thank you to everyone that has contributed! Your donation has made it possible to maintain alumni engagement and leadership within the chapter.

As you know, today the chapter is blessed with a membership and top leaders committed to upholding the same high standards established by alumni in years past. Each member strives to achieve the highest marks in the classroom, win on the athletic field, and represent the highest of ideals in every walk of life. Pike has helped mold young men into promising leaders

within the chapter, on campus, and beyond.

This tradition must continue, and it is up to the alumni to ensure that the future of Gamma Rho is properly cultivated and maintained and alumni remain connected to the fraternity. The chapter's alumni-related expenses total more than \$5,000 for website maintenance, newsletter production and postage, liability insurance, operating expenses and event programming throughout the year. With your help and that of other alumni brothers, these initiatives will be continued and expanded. Broad-based alumni support and involvement will be the key to our continued success.

Just over \$4,500 was raised from loyal alumni in 2006-2007, but we hope to convince at least five percent (2% more

than last year) of our alumni base to provide some of the financial support that is desperately needed during the 2007-2008 Renewing the Bonds Campaign. Through your support and that of other Pike brothers, the Alumni Association can pool resources and take the necessary steps to further establish alumni programming.

To support the Renewing the Bonds annual campaign, please fill out and return the form below, or visit www.nupikes.com and click on "Annual Fund Campaign".

2006-2007 GPAA Officers

Drew Welz '03 President
Chris Wake '03 Vice President
Russ Riggins '03 Treasurer
Kirk Watkins '03 Secretary
Bob Else '86 President Emeritus

The 2006-2007 Renewing the Bonds

Donors – As of April 27, 2007

phi phi k a Member \$1,000 - \$2,500

Opportunities Still Available

Gold Level Member \$450 - \$999

Andrew J. Welz '03

Garnet Level Member \$250 - \$449

Christopher F. Coleman '87
Michael John Coop '87
Lee Alexander Dayton '61
Robert Irl Else '86
Gregory D. Graves '88
Iano Monastero '85

Mark David Paulus '87
Russell Bradley Riggins '03
David Alan Sudimack '89

Proud Pike Member \$100 - \$249

Scot Anthony Berkey '86
Robert Kenneth Catterson '49
Roderick Peter Donaldson '61
Kelly Albert Grant '48
Asa J. "Geordie" Herald '89

Robert Landers Hoyt '60
Louis James Kole '49
Julius Marchwicki '03
Michael J. Pruyn '03
Joshua J. Sacks '88
Anthony Edward Soscia '88
Christopher J. Wake '03

GPAA Member \$1 - \$99

Guy M. Bonneville '79

Andrew D. Dorn '03
Seth Michael Freedland '03
Daniel Gene Guyette '84
Kenneth Kent Knierim '52
William Hueston Leighner '49
Joel Charles Papa '87
William Stevenson Rohn '77
Breckenridge Fred Spinner '49
Jon Collett Stout '60

Yes, I want to Help Kick Off The 2007-2008 Renewing the Bonds Campaign

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I wish to pledge:

- \$1,000 – phi phi k a Member
 \$500 – Gold Level Member
 \$250 – Garnet Level Member
 \$100 – Proud Pike Member
 \$50 – GPAA Member
 Other: \$ _____

Payment Options:

- Check Enclosed - *Make payable to Omega Financial*
 Multi-Year Pledge - *Please bill me:*
 Annually Twice a year Quarterly
Payable over (circle): 1 2 Years

- Charge my Credit Card

Name: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name on Card: _____

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E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

You can also make a pledge online at <http://www.nupikes.com> by clicking on "Annual Fund Campaign"

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Return to: The Gamma Rho Renewing the Bonds Campaign #614-42 • c/o Omega Financial, Inc. • P.O. Box 2187 • Columbus, GA 31902 • Fax: (706) 571-0043

Brother To Brother

Guy Bonneville '79 wrote in to say, "Wow – I can't believe how fast time flies! I have a son, Paul, who is now a freshman at Ball State and a daughter, Lauren, is a high school sophomore. Susan and I have been married for nearly 26 years now. Upon graduating, I was an EE for IBM, then my own computer company, then Siemens for 5 years, and now I'm immersed in the family real estate business and currently getting ready to start Clearwater Centre Residences & Shoppes in sunny Clearwater, FL."

Chris Coleman '87 and his wife, Suzie (Navabpour), had a baby on March 3rd; a boy, Linus O'Bryan. Chris works in Northfield in residential real estate development and lives in Glenview.

Besides currently serving as President for the Gamma Rho Alumni Association, **Drew Welz '03**, is trying to figure out where to attend law school in the fall. He says, "George Washington seems the most likely place, but Michigan and Penn Law are

not out of the question yet. During the week, you can find me doing business development research at Seyfarth Shaw LLP, a Chicago based corporate services firm that is best known for its Labor & Employment work."

Eric Unger '88 has been in the Air Force for 15 years and will pin on Lieutenant Colonel in a few weeks. He commented, "At this rate I'll never catch up to Andy A. I'm in the last year of my policy analysis PhD program at RAND in Santa Monica and will either teach in my next assignment or entertain at the puzzle palace (Pentagon)."

David Nyweide '03 is in his second year as a doctoral student in the evaluative clinical sciences at Dartmouth. Essentially, the degree is about improving the health care system using interdisciplinary methods. He studies health policy, specifically the promises and pitfalls of measuring quality among primary care physicians.

Chris Vanison '03 wrote in to say, "I ended up deciding to attend medical school at The George Washington

University, where I'm finishing up my first year. I'll most likely be heading out to Portland, OR for the summer to do some biochemistry research at OHSU (Oregon Health & Sciences University). I'm also planning to run the Marine Corps Marathon in DC in October '07."

Chris Wake '03 just recently got back from a vacation in Costa Rica, where he popped the question to his now fiancé, Heather Owens. With some helpful tips from **Dan Solera '03**, Chris and Heather had an adventurous vacation of whitewater rafting, surfing, and taking in the sites. Since dropping back to reality after the trip, Chris has spent his time between work at PricewaterhouseCoopers in marketing & business development, and searching for a condo in the Chicago area.

Do you have news you would like to share with other alumni? Did you recently get married? Have a child? Change jobs? Retire? Let us know what is happening in your life by posting noteworthy information at <http://www.nupikes.com>.

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